

Spalding & District Wildfowlers Association Ltd



Risk Assessment

Place: Foreshore at the Wash and Ouse Washes

SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS

Assessment of risk before control measures carried out

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
1. Arrival & departure/loading & unloading/trips & falls in dark/icy conditions		X	
2. Accidental discharge of firearm			X
3. Extreme cold/risk of exposure			X
4. Cut off by tide			X
5. Disorientation by fog, snow or darkness			X
6. Soft mud & sands		X	
7. Trips & falls on uneven ground		X	
8. Unknown substances in containers, sometimes leaking		X	
9. Cuts from wire fencing		X	
10. Risk of disease from dead animals or birds, faeces and Covid 19		X	
11. Dog bites		X	
12. Cattle		X	
13. Bombing range & environs		X	
14. Use of boats		X	

CONTROL MEASURES

- Visit area in daylight/good weather before shooting
Load, carry & use guns according to the BASC code of gun safety. Leave a safe distance between yourself and other fowlers
- Wear appropriate warm, waterproof clothing & footwear
- Check tide tables before shooting (only a guide) - leave the marsh if in doubt
- Always carry a compass & know how to use it
Stop walking if mud/sand becomes increasingly soft. If necessary, remove trapped footwear & retrace steps to firm ground

- Carry a suitable stick to test ground, carry a small torch
- Never touch or pick up unknown containers or objects
- Cover barbed wire before crossing
- Never touch suspect dead animals or birds. Ensure a high level of personal hygiene
- Keep dogs on leads in the presence of other people & their dogs
- Keep dogs on leads, avoid close contact if possible
- Be aware of exclusion times & areas and adhere to them at all times.
- Never touch munitions of any sort
- Ensure boat is well maintained, equipped, stable & contains enough buoyancy to remain afloat if holed. Wear a lifejacket in deep water conditions.
- Ensure that Covid 19 social distancing regulations are followed.

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