

APPENDIX C – ANGLING TRUST Risk Assessments

General Guide to Risk Assessment on Angling Trust Events and Field Visits

The hazard is given an estimated risk level Without control measures **being taken**, then With control measures **being taken**, and there is a third column for On the day. On the day covers hazards that were not present when the first Risk Assessment was carried out; for example if strong winds made the use of a display hazardous.

The level of risk of an activity is dependent upon two factors:
the Probability that harm will occur and the Severity of that harm.

We compare the level of risk on a range from 1 to 20 by multiplying a probability ranking by a severity ranking: Probability X Severity = Risk Level

Probability of Harm	Ranking	Severity of Harm	Ranking
Improbable	1	Minor injury to one or more people	1
Possible	2	Major injury to one person	2
Likely	3	Major injury to several people	3
Very likely	4	Death of one person	4
		Death of several people	5

Whilst probability is a subjective judgement the following guidelines are suggested:

- Improbable Physically possible, but never known to happen, or at least not in last 6 years.
- Possible Occasional instances known or heard of.
- Likely Known of with some frequency.
- Very likely A common occurrence or surprised if it didn't happen

Example - The probability of harm when nailing a fence might be considered to be likely, 3, and its severity minor, 1, giving a risk level of 3; whereas harm to someone climbing a ladder for roofing work might be regarded as possible, 2, but if they fell it could cause death, severity 4, thus giving a risk level of 8.

A hazard with a **Probability of Harm Ranking of 3** or above is very worrying as it is **likely** that someone will get injured; reconsider the activity.
A hazard with a **Risk Level of 6** or above should be re-examined and the activity reassessed. If the risk level cannot be reduced to below 6 the activity **must be stopped**. If any activity could result in the death of someone, with control measures, it **must be stopped**.
To recap - The risk level of the hazard must be estimated first; without Control Measures being applied. This initial level of risk must be recorded and used to focus on the dangers. The hazard must then be assessed taking the Control Measures into consideration and to give an overview of the various risks of an activity or site. Each time you then visit you can consider any On the Day hazards that have appeared since the first Risk Assessment.

Whilst high-risk levels do produce high figures it is highly advisable to consider appropriate precautions for all activities.

IF IN DOUBT ABOUT AN ACTIVITY DON'T DO IT

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FIELD VISIT/EVENT RISK ASSESSMENT.

LOCATION:			DATE:			NAME:	
HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK LEVEL PXS=RL*				EQUIPMENT	RESPONSIBILITY
		RL	PLANNED CONTROL MEASURES	RL	RL		
1) Weather: poor visibility, cold, rain - slippery underfoot. Sunny/hot - sunburn/heatstroke.	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 2x1 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weather is severe cancel visit Wear waterproof clothing and suitable footwear Avoid puddles and icy patches If hot - sun block/wear hat/drinking water 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	Waterproof coats. Suitable footwear. Gloves. Water. Sun block, hat	Individual
2) Collision with cyclists and pedestrians. Canal towpath -restricted space.		Without control measures =	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of the danger of bicycles Do not run, look both ways Do not work near blind corners Use mobile phone in an emergency 	With control measures =	On the day=	Mobile phone.	
3) Weil's disease and other water borne conditions. Contact with water, sludge and sewage-related items.	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 1x2 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloves to protect hands from cuts All wounds to be covered with waterproof plasters before clean-up Hands to be washed after visit and before eating Avoid outlets e.g. storm water overflows Vaccinations – Tetanus, Hep A, Hep B 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	Protective gloves. Waterproof plasters. Hand wash.	Individual
4) Falling into the water. Falling into locks or fast flowing water. Slippery surfaces and steep banks.	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 2x4 = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid slippery steps/slopes. Check them before walking on them. Take care near locks and fast flowing water Always tell people where you are going and when you will be back Read water safety advice 	With control measures 1x4 = 4	On the day=	Suitable footwear.	Individual
5) Personal Injury: cuts, grazes, minor falls, slips & trips. [N.B risk of needles or syringes, broken glass, jagged rocks/stones]. Uneven surfaces.	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 2x1 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No unprotected feet - suitable footwear Waterproof plasters for cuts/grazes Wash eyes with eyewash Do not run 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	First Aid Kit. Mobile Phone. Gloves. Eyewash.	Individual

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6) Personal Safety. Muggers, drunks, drug dealers, aggressive behaviour from defendants	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 1x2 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep an eye out for suspicious people ▪ Make sure someone knows where you are going and what time you expect to be back ▪ Leave an area if a confrontation develops/ you feel unsafe – know your escape route ▪ Take a mobile phone ▪ Call the police if you feel you are in a dangerous situation 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	Mobile phone. Whistle.	Individual
7) Toxic chemicals. Chemicals getting in eyes or onto skin or open cuts	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 1x2 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read warning labels on any containers ▪ Wear protective equipment: gloves ▪ Avoid contact with chemicals ▪ Use eyewash to rinse eyes ▪ Cover any cuts/abrasions with waterproof plaster or protective clothing ▪ If you are unsure what is inside a container or what a substance is -avoid it and report it. 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	Gloves. Eyewash. First aid kit. Mobile Phone. Env. Agency Pollution Hotline: 0800 80 70 60	Individual
8) Medical condition. A medical condition that creates an increased risk of injury/accident	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 2x2 = 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take medical advice from a GP ▪ Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back ▪ Carry medication ▪ Carry mobile phone 	With control measures 2x1 = 2	On the day=	Medication. Mobile phone.	Individual
9) Personal injury from carrying heavy objects	Officials, Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 1x1 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share heavy burdens ▪ Use trolleys to carry items any distance ▪ Follow lifting advice 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	More than one member of staff Trolley	Individual
10) Injury to the public from display materials and stock		Without control measures =	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure display materials cannot fall on people ▪ Supervise handling of sharp objects 	With control measures =	On the day=	String Weights to act as ballast	
11) Wading particularly when in deep or fast running water	Individuals when wading	Without control measures 2x4 = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Take particular care when wading ▪ Use a wading stick ▪ Use a wading belt 	With control measures 2x2 = 4	On the day=	Wading stick, Wading Belt	Individual

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		RL	PLANNED CONTROL MEASURES	RL	RL		
12) Getting on or off boats, moving around on boats and other boats	Individuals when involved with boats	Without control measures 2x4 = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remember boats move around and can be unstable when there balance is disturbed. ▪ Take particular care when getting on, off or moving around. ▪ Wear a life jacket or suspender 	With control measures 2x2 = 4	On the day=	Life jacket or suspender	Individual
13) Injury due to hooks and flies	Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 2x2 = 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hooks by their design are sharp and easily penetrate the skin. Their use brings them into contact with germs etc. that can be injurious to health. ▪ Caution should be used when handling hooks, tying on or removing hooks. Rusty hooks should be avoided 	With control measures 1x2 = 2	On the day=	Safety Glasses	Individual
14) Ticks and Lyme disease	Competitors, Reserves & Guests	Without control measures 1x2 = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ticks and Lyme disease may be present on land around river & lake banks etc. ▪ Cover up exposed flesh wherever possible. 	With control measures 1x1 = 1	On the day=	Clothing	Individual
15) Lightning	Individuals when involved with boats	Without control measures 2x4 = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are ideally earthed when in water and, if using a graphite rod, you have a good lightning conductor. If you are on a boat you and your rod may well be the highest point around and a prime target for a strike. ▪ Stop fishing 	With control measures 1x4 = 4	On the day=	Stop fishing	Individual
16) High Winds	Individuals when involved with boats	Without control measures= 3x3=9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always remain seated in the boat. • Return to boat dock via the shelter of the nearest bank even if this means a longer return journey 	With control measures= 2x3=6	On the day=	Stop fishing	Individual

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17) Boats - Fishing Equipment and portable engines / battery. See 9 above	Individuals when involved with boats	Without control measures= 3x2=6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store fishing equipment sensibly ideally in the centre of the boat so as to avoid trips. • If using portable engines ie electric outboards with battery take care whilst handling and attaching to the boat. Ideally two anglers should handle the engine while installing and carrying. Same applied to the battery. 	With control measures= 2x1=2	On the day=	Clothing and manual handling.	Individual
18) Fishery imposed restrictions	Individuals when involved with boats	Without control measures= 3x3=9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take heed of restrictions imposed by the fishery for health and safety reasons. These are made to ensure your safety. • Listen carefully to briefing from organisers and fishery staff. 	With control measures= 1x3=3	On the day=	Take heed and obey rules.	Individual
20		Without control measures=		With control measures=	On the day=		

*See Appendix 3 (above), which gives definitions and categories for P (Probability), S (Severity) and RL (Risk Level). Assess hazards at site prior to visit/event: **Without Control Measures, With Control Measures** and **On the Day** of the event. The first step sets the basic level of risk for comparison.



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