Spalding & District Wildfowlers Association Ltd



**Risk Assessment**

**Place: East coast of Wash and Ouse Washes**

**SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS**

**Assessment of risk before control measures carried out**

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| 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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 Review to be carried out annually - July 2020