

RISK ASSESSMENT



Work Activity/Task	Shooting of Birds
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Date of Assessment	15/01/2025	Risk Assessment Assessor	Mick Kilburn	Signature of Assessor	
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Location of Activity/ Task	Site Contact Name
	Site Contact Number

S E V E R I T Y	5	5	10	15	20	25
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	1	1	2	3	4	5
LIKELIHOOD						

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5 Almost Certain - Very High Risk
4 Probable - High Risk
3 50/50 - Medium Risk
2 Improbable - Low Risk
1 Almost Impossible - Low Risk

SEVERITY
5 Fatality - Very High Risk
4 Severe Incapacity - High Risk
3 Absent from work 3 weeks - Medium Risk
2 Absent from work less than 1 day - Medium Risk
1 Insignificant - Low Risk

1 - 4 Low Risk
Continue with existing control, however monitor for changes. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.

5 - 9 Medium Risk
Requires attention to reduce the rating as well as regular ongoing monitoring. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.

10 - 15 High Risk
Requires immediate attention to bring the risk down to an acceptable level. Implement the control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment and continue to review working practices to reduce the probability of an accident to the lowest possible level.

16 - 25 Very High Risk
Stop immediately – the risk is too high. Take immediate action to reduce the risk to the lowest level possible.

COSHH Hazardous Substances

Personal Protective Equipment

Are any products used in this task harmful/Irritant?

Yes

No

Are any products used in this task Corrosive?

Yes

No

Are any products used in this task Flammable?

Yes

No

Does this task require Head protection?

Yes

No

Does this task require eye protection?

Yes

No

Does this task require foot protection?

Yes

No

Does this task require ear protection?

Yes

No

No pesticides will be used during this audit/survey

PPE will be worn in accordance with site specific rules

Are any products used in this task explosive?

Yes

No

Are any products used in this task a health hazard?

Yes

No

Are any products used in this task harmful to the Environment?

Yes

No

Does this task require hand protection?

Yes

No

Does this task require Hi Visibility?

Yes

No

Does this task require clothing protection?

Yes

No

Does this task require respiratory protection?

Yes

No



Please highlight all substances being used in this work task and any personal protective equipment required to protect the user.

Identified Hazards	Persons who may be affected	Risk Level before any control measures S x L = R				Risk Mitigation Measures	Additional Control Measures Required	Actions Required and completed by	Final Risk Level S x L = R			
		S	L	R	RR				S	L	R	RR
Damage in Transport	EPM Operator and Third Parties	5	5	25	VHR	Guns are only to be transported within appropriate cases. Prior to all shooting, safety shot to be made into target with secure backdrop and third party exclusion			2	2	4	LR
Slips, Trips & Falls	EPM Staff	3	3	9	MR	Safety boots with good grip to be worn at all times. Ensure all work areas are clear.			2	1	2	LR
Theft	Third Parties	4	2	12	HR	Guns are only to be transported within appropriate case, which shall be kept out of sight within the vehicle. DO NOT transport rifle, bolt and magazine (if applicable) and ammunition within same transport case. Keep vehicle locked at ALL times.			2	2	4	LR
Non Involved Persons	Third Parties	4	2	12	HR	Ensure that site contact has informed all necessary persons. Be discrete at all times, DO NOT shoot in view of third parties. Inform duty sergeant at local police station at least 12 Hrs in advance if appropriate			2	2	4	LR

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Third parties may be hit by shot or ricochet	Third Party	4	2	12	HR	Shots only to be taken with appropriate back drop for type of round used. Non-shooting observer to ensure that third parties are excluded & prevented from entry into shooting area. All non-involved persons to be excluded from treatment area.			2	2	4	LR
Inclement weather	EPM personnel, Site personnel, public.	4	2	12	HR	Shots only to be taken with appropriate back drop for type of round used. Non-shooting observer to ensure that third parties are excluded & prevented from entry into shooting area. All non-involved persons to be excluded from treatment area.			1	1	1	LR
Non-collected bodies	EPM Staff, Site personnel, public	4	2	12	HR	Shots only to be made by trained marksman who hold the appropriate training. Prior to all shooting, safety shot to be made into target with secure backdrop. Shots only to be made with access for collection – bodies to be collected and removed from site. Collection area to be cleaned as required.			1	1	1	LR

Method Statement



Work Task	Shooting of Birds		
Client Name			
Site Address			
Site Contact		Contact Number	
 Project Manager		Contact Number	
 Contact		Contact Number	

Description of work carried out

1	EPM personnel must inform site contact to arrange for permission to carry out work activity and inform the estimated time of arrival.
2	On arrival EPM personnel are to sign in the visitor's book and read the site specific health & safety rules. Before the commencement of any contract works, attendance of a site induction will be required if necessary. If a permit to work is required this will be completed before work commences.
3	Once the appropriate paperwork has been completed and permission has been granted the EPM operative will undertake a full inspection of the premises.
4	A detailed inspection will be carried out to all relevant areas to establish if there is a bird infestation. All areas of the building will be checked for birds.
5	Once the target species has been identified, all staff and personnel should be removed from the area. The operative should check the area where the bird is roosting before taking aim. Consideration should be given for the surrounding area and take into account any pipes, cables, windows etc. Where possible only shoot when there is no possibility of damaging any equipment. All EPM operatives should also consider the risk of ricochet and non target equipment.
6	Once the target is still and the surrounding area is safe, only then is it safe to shoot the bird. Every effort should be made to aim for a direct kill.
7	Once all birds have been shot and the task is complete, the technician will report to a designated area to compile a report. This will then be discussed with the site manager or contact. A signature will be required from the site contact before leaving site.

Accident & Emergency Procedures

In the event of an accident this must be reported to the site manager/contact. All accidents must be reported in the site accident book. Contact should also be made with the EPM office and accidents reported in the accident book. If first aid can be applied this must be carried out using the first aid equipment stored in the vehicle. If the accident is serious the emergency services need to be contacted via the 999 number. Please ensure H&S Data sheets are available if required.

Equipment Likely to be used.

.22 Air Rifle RWS Excalbur PCP 5.5 Calibur, calibrated to less than 12lb PSI. Tool bag, pesticide containers, screwdrivers, scrapers, bait station keys, pens, stickers, torch, rodent monitors, insect monitors, insect glue boards, pesticides.

Personal Protective Equipment expected to be used

Safety Boots, Coveralls, Safety Glasses, Ear protection, hard hat, disposable gloves, Hi-visibility vests. Face mask with appropriate filters.

Certification Required

Minimum of a British Pest Control Association Diploma, Check www.gov.uk/government/collections/bird-licences

EPM Personnel Involved in the task
