


# RISK ASSESSMENT

**Devon**  
Wildlife Trust

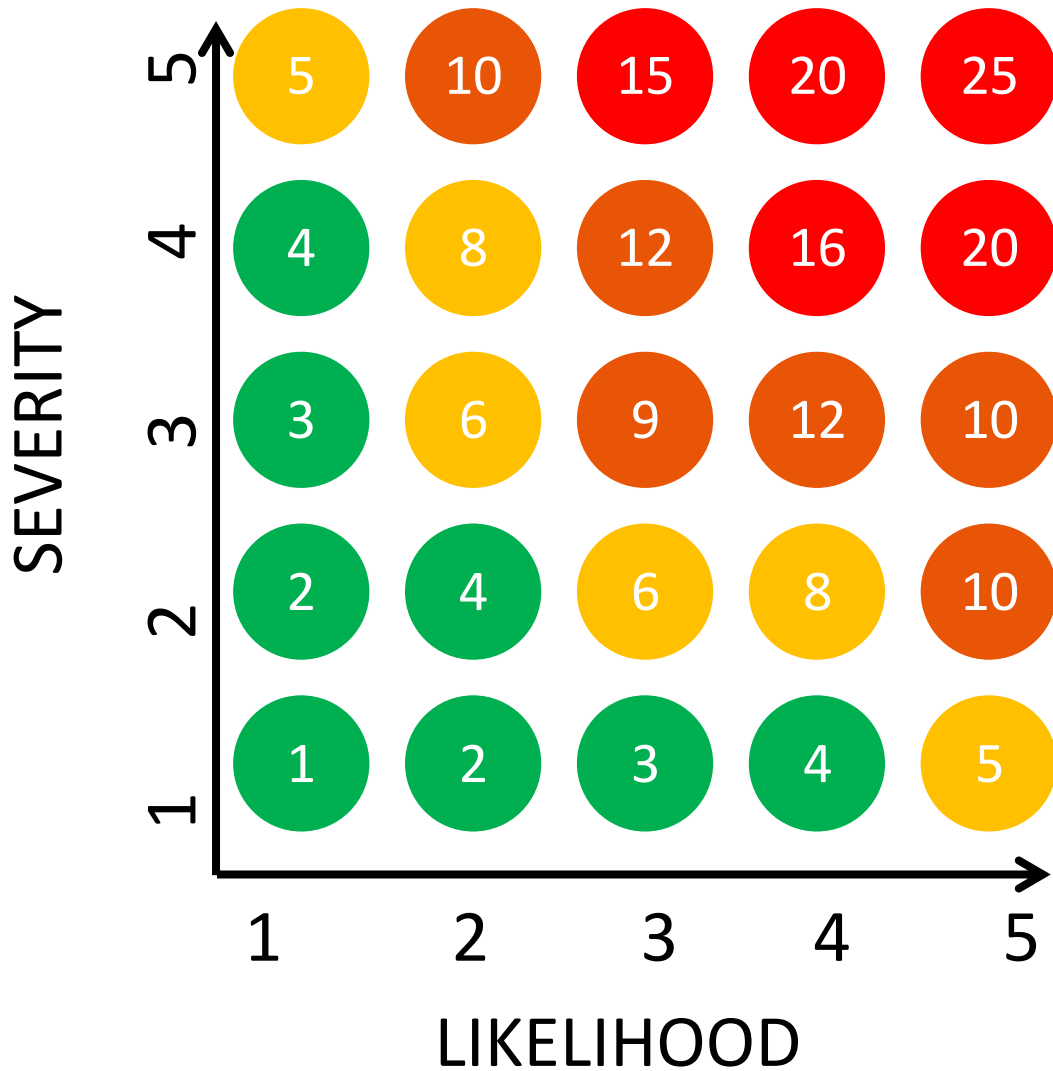


<b>Activity</b>	Devon Bat Survey detector deployment		
<b>Location</b>	Various		
<b>Intended Recipient</b>	Volunteers		
<b>Risk Assessment Prepared by</b>	Ruth Testa		
<b>Valid From</b>	01/04/2019	<b>Valid To</b>	30/10/2019
<b>Date of Assessment</b>	11/02/2019	<b>Date of Review</b>	n/a
<b>EMERGENCY INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Number of access points</b>	Check access points before hand		
<b>Description of how to find access points</b>	Check access points before hand		
<b>Key Devon Hospitals (be aware of which is your local hospital)</b>	Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Barrack Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 5DW (01392 411 611) Derriford Hospital, Derriford Rd, Plymouth PL6 8DH (01752 202 082) Torbay Hospital, Newton Rd, Torquay, Torbay TQ2 7AA (01803 614 567) North Devon District Hospital, Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, EX31 4JB (01271 322 577) Honiton Hospital, Marlpits Road, Honiton EX14 2DE (01404 540 540) Launceston General Hospital, Link Road, Launceston, PL15 9JD (01566 761 000)		
<b>Grid Reference</b>	Various		
<b>Nearest public phone</b>	Unknown		
<b>A Risk Assessment is not valid unless signed. This Risk Assessment must be signed by an authorised individual</b>			
<b>Signed</b>		<b>Print Name</b>	Ruth Testa
	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019		

HAZARD	WHO MAY BE HARMED AND HOW?	WHAT ARE WE ALREADY DOING TO CONTROL RISK OR REDUCE IT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL?	RESIDUAL RISK		
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<u>Uneven Ground</u> slips, trips, falls	volunteers, public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take care – allow enough time for activity.</li> <li>2. Be aware of any obstructions in your path.</li> <li>3. Wear appropriate footwear.</li> <li>4. Avoid traversing ground you aren't comfortable with.</li> </ol>	3	2	6
<u>Parking and walking on roads</u> Road traffic accident	volunteers, public, other road users	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be vigilant if parking on or close to roads – adhere to the highway code and do not block field entrances or create a driving hazard for other road users</li> <li>2. Do not walk along busy main roads.</li> <li>3. Follow Highway Code where walking on minor roads.</li> <li>4. Ensure you are in control of your actions and aware of surroundings while on roads (e.g. no alcohol, bags easy to carry).</li> <li>5. Ensure you are highly visible to traffic (e.g. high visibility clothing).</li> </ol>	1	5	5
<u>livestock</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check for livestock in fields before entering.</li> <li>2. Always check with land owners about possible aggressive animals in fields and avoid if necessary</li> <li>3. Don't enter a field if you feel uncomfortable with livestock present.</li> <li>4. Avoid getting between a cow and a calf.</li> <li>5. Don't enter a field with livestock with a dog.</li> <li>6. Do not set up detector in a field containing livestock</li> </ol>	1	5	5
<u>Climbing gates, fencing</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open gates rather than climbing where possible.</li> <li>2. Be aware of electric fencing and barbed wire when placing detector.</li> </ol>	2	2	4
<u>Lone working if away from your own home</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We strongly recommend that volunteers do not work alone</li> <li>2. If having to work alone volunteers should ensure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A fully-charged mobile phone (turned on) is carried at all times</li> <li>b. You must notify someone of what you are doing, exactly where you are surveying, where you plan to park, what your start and end time should be, method of travel to and around the site, proposed itinerary, vehicle identification details and how you will let them know</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	1	5	5

		<p>of your safe return and at what time. In the event of your not returning within an hour of your stated return time this person should try to contact you and if no success contact emergency services with your survey location details</p> <p>3. Extra care must be taken during activity.</p>			
<u>Aggressive individuals</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aware of members of public who may appear to show early signs of aggression or antagonism.</li> <li>2. Engage with them where appropriate and explain what is happening, answer questions politely.</li> <li>3. If any signs of aggression, placate if possible otherwise move away</li> <li>4. Avoid being alone with aggressive individuals, stay with other volunteers if possible</li> <li>5. If signs of intoxication (drugs, alcohol) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately</li> <li>6. If weapons (knives, firearms, air rifles, etc) are evident, move away and abandon activity immediately</li> <li>7. If intimidation, antagonism or aggression becomes threatening call 999 police as soon as possible after moving away to safe distance</li> </ol>	1	5	5
<u>Bites and stings</u> <u>Anaphylactic shock,</u> <u>skin irritation</u>	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing to protect from bites/stings.</li> <li>2. Be aware of plants that might cause skin irritation (i.e. stinging nettles and hogweed) and biting/stinging animals and insects (i.e. adders, horseflies, bees, wasps, hornets).</li> <li>3. Always carry appropriate medication if you suffer from anaphylaxis</li> <li>4. Follow guidance under lone working to ensure someone knows your location</li> </ol>	1	5	5
<u>Mines, caves, shafts,</u> <u>adits, sinkholes,</u> <u>steep slopes, etc</u> <u>falls, trapping</u>	volunteers, public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Avoid locations that pose a risk to you - where this appears impossible abandon activity</li> <li>2. Avoid access routes that pose a risk to you – where this appears impossible abandon activity</li> <li>3. Stay within your own limits – don't do it if you feel uncomfortable</li> <li>4. Wear suitable footwear</li> </ol>	1	5	5

<u>Water</u> Weil's disease, drowning.	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Observe basic hygiene when working near water – wear appropriate clothing, cover all cuts with watertight dressing and wash hands before eating, drinking or smoking</li> <li>2. If working alongside a river, always work in pairs and not alone.</li> </ol>	1	5	5
<u>Adverse weather</u> conditions/ exposure	volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dress appropriately for conditions (e.g. sun hats, sunscreen, warm / waterproof clothing) and postpone/ abandon if severe weather sets in</li> </ol>	1	4	4



KEY			
LIKELIHOOD		SEVERITY	
1	Extremely Unlikely	1	Very Minor Injury
2	Unlikely	2	First Aid Injury
3	Possible	3	Lost Time Injury
4	Likely	4	Hospital Treatment
5	Very Probable	5	Disabling Injury

**LIKELIHOOD X SEVERITY = RISK RATING**

MEANING OF RISK RATING	
RISK RATING	ACTIONS
4 OR BELOW	Acceptable.
5 - 8	Tolerable.
9 - 14	Tolerable. Additional controls must be introduced as soon as possible
15 and over	Unacceptable. Activity must not proceed and additional controls must be introduced to lower the risk to below 9