Task Risk Control Sheet

Working on or near protected sites including SSSIs, Ramsar, SACs and SPAs

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Key Risks !

- **Killing protected animals & plants**
- **Damaging protected sites**
- **Risk of work being stopped**

Personnel Involved		
	E&P	✓
	S&T	✓
	Track	✓
	Off Track	✓
	Property	✓

Tools / Equipment

Plant

Key Risks	Controls	Implemented By
Working on a protected site	• Check the Hazard Directory, Engineering Maps, GIS when planning work to find out if planned work is in a protected site. • Check to see if work is permitted in the Site Management Statement (England), if yes it can go ahead, follow restrictions • If work not permitted, assent shall be obtained from Natural England. • If no Site Management statement, assent shall be obtained from Natural England, CCW or SNH seek advice from WHSEA • Brief staff on protected site and any working restrictions/controls	Planner
Working near a protected site	• Check the Hazard Directory, Engineering Maps, GIS when planning work to find out if planned work is in a protected site. • If works will impact upon the nearby site, assent shall be obtained from NE, CCW or SNH • Brief staff on protected site and any working restrictions or controls	Planner
Disturbing nesting birds **Any vegetation clearance work**	• Plan to carry out work on vegetation outside bird nesting season where possible (generally March to June but it can be earlier and later) • Inspect worksite prior to for nesting birds immediately before work starts. • If birds found, find out what type of bird, if bird unknown stop work and consult your Workforce Safety and Enivronmental Adviser/ Environmental Specialist. • Do not disturb <u>any</u> nesting birds or damage the nest – check with your your Workforce Safety and Environmental Adviser/ Environmental Specialist • If rare birds found (schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act) apply for a licence before doing any work • If other birds found establish an exclusion zone 2m from around the nest • Check worksite each day for nests before work starts to avoid new nests	Planner /Team Leader Team Leader

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Disturbing protected animal or plant	• Check Hazard Directory, Engineering Maps, GIS before starting work to find out if any protected species in vicinity • Check with staff with local knowledge of protected species • If protected species are suspected an ecological survey shall be carried out in advance, get advice.	Planner / Team Leader
Refuelling onsite	• Designate a refuelling area on the site • Lay a spill mat over the refuelling area so that in the event of a spill, it is captured	Team Leader
Damaging a protected tree	• Check whether any trees to be cut down have a tree preservation order (Hazard Directory, GIS, Local Council tree officer) • If tree is protected get permission to carry out works to the tree. • Note: old, ivy covered trees may be homes for bats, so will need survey in advance.	Planner

PPE Required by NR / Maintenance Policy



Wear Head Protection



Wear Foot Protection



Wear Hi Visibility Clothing



Wear Safety glasses to BS EN166.F

If safety glasses introduce a risk (ie weather conditions) then the Team Leader shall assess the risk. The outcome of the assessment shall be recorded on the SSOWPS pack and safety glasses may be removed.
This does not supersede the requirements for eye protection detailed on relevant Task Risk Control Sheets.

Additional PPE Required by Task Risk Control Sheet



Wear Hand Protection

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