

Risk Assessments for: Woodland Areas

Date of Assessment: January 2008

Description of Hazard	Persons Affected	Severity - Likelihood Scoring	Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Implemented by.	By When.
Trip, slips & falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search technicians Misper if found 	D x 3	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation during search Team working Use of walking sticks if required 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team leaders Search technicians 	Start and during search
Falling debris from height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search technicians Misper if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE – wearing hard hat/ bump hat, protective boots Global observation during search First aider in teams Avoid dangerous areas where risk is high 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search manager Team leader Search technicians 	Start and during search
Lacerations - branches/trees, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation of surroundings whilst searching First Aider in team 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching
Penetration Injury – branches, brambles etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observation of surroundings whilst searching First Aider in team 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Leaders Search Technicians 	Whilst searching
Wildlife - bites from insects, ticks etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE – boots, gaiters Clothing – long sleeves, long trousers Self awareness First aider in teams Insect repellent Seek medical advice if bitten (infection) 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team leaders Search technicians 	Whilst searching & post search if medical advice required

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Whip injury – tree branches, bushes, long grass etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians • Misper if found 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation during search • Use of walking sticks • Walking distance of 4 paces in front to give distance for branches etc to release 	D x 2 = Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leaders • Search technicians 	Whilst searching
Adverse weather conditions – wind/ lightening causing falling debris from height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians • Misper if found • 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search manager to perform a separate assessment to decide if area safe for searching/ entering, if risk of falling debris or lightening strikes • Avoid dangerous areas where risk is high (i.e dense coverage of trees) • Self awareness • PPE – hard hat, boots • First aider in teams 	C x 2 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Manager • Team Leaders • Search Technicians 	Assessment prior to search, then whilst searching for other control measures

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