MEDINA VALLEY CENTRE - BIOLOGY ACTIVITY RISK ASSESSMENT

Persons at risk are those students and staff taking part in the activity.

Reference	B011 A/A2 Level Biology	Print Date	25-Jan-07
Brief Description:	Small Mammal Trapping		
Location:	MVC and Dicksons Copse		

Date Activity last modified:	12-Apr-01	Activity last modified by:	RJH	Student Age:	17
Date Risk last reviewed:	11-Jan-07	Risk last reviewed by:	BC	Staff Ratio:	1:12

Full Description of Activity:

Release-Recapture of small mammals using Longworth Traps/Inspection boxes. Instructions given then student assembly. Traps placed in hedgerows or woods. Caught animals are marked by clipping fur with scissors, then released.

Description of Equipment	field or lab	COSSH ref	COSSH risk H M L
Marker canes	Field		
Scissors	Field		
Rubber Gloves	Field		
Large plastic bag	Field		
Wheat and Maggots	Field		
Hay for bedding	Field		
Longworth Traps	Field		

Description of Hazards	Likelihood			Date Added
Note: Hazard Risk Factor; 1 to 7 = LOW; 8 to 15 = MEDIUM; 16 to 25 = HIGH	Severity		***Risk***	
	L x S	=		
Tripping over stumps in Dicksons Copse	2 x 2	=	4	03/02/2005
Bites or infection from animals	2 x 3	=	6	12/04/2001
Infection from Longworth Traps	1 x 3	=	3	12/04/2001

Description of Precautions	Date Added
All MVC staff will be suitably qualified to teach the activity and will have experience of the site. At least 1 MVC staff member will hold a First Aid Certificate. First aid kits will be carried and where near water, a throw line.	
Advise all participants to wash hands thoughly after exercise	12/04/2001
Ensure those handling are protected by rubber gloves	12/04/2001
Ensure boxes are cleaned/disinfected before use	12/04/2001

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