


Title: Dispatch of live animals  
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**RISK ASSESSMENT**

<b>Description of process:</b>	Dispatch of live animals (also please refer to Outline GRA001 & Outline MS1)								
<b>Task on which assessment is made:</b>	Dispatch of live trapped animals e.g. rodents, birds and mammals								
<b>Location:</b>	As required								
<b>Hazard(s) identified:</b>	Bites, disease, scratching, public opinion								
<b>Person(s) considered at risk:</b>	CSS Pest Services staff, customers staff, general public								
<b>Risk rating before:</b>	Likelihood	4	x	Severity	2	=	Risk:	8	
<b>Control Measures/Safe Work Instructions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSS Pest Services staff must liaise with customer before work begins</li> <li>Traps should be placed in areas where access by people and non-target organisms is minimised.</li> <li>If animals are transported in traps, every effort must be made to minimise stress to the animal.</li> <li>Traps and vehicles must be thoroughly cleaned using a suitable cleaning agent after use</li> <li>The position of all traps must be highlighted to customer</li> <li>Traps must be set and checked following existing legislation and guidance</li> <li>Traps and animals should be handled using gloves.</li> <li>Any animals caught must be despatched using a legal and humane method</li> <li>Staff must wear suitable PPE i.e. respirator when handling birds</li> <li>All dead pests must be disposed of properly</li> </ul>								
<b>Typical injury:</b>	Major injury								
<b>Risk rating after:</b>	Likelihood	1	x	Severity	2	=	Risk:	2	
<b>Further control action requirement:</b>	Site Specific Risk Assessment to be carried out before work activity begins								
<b>Person making assessment / carrying out review:</b>	<b>Name:</b> Jason Cholerton				<b>Signature:</b>				
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**Risk Ratings:**

**Likelihood**

- 1.Improbable
- 2.Low
- 3.Medium
- 4.High
- 5.Near Certainty

**Severity**

- 1.Minor Injury
- 2.Moderate Injury
- 3.Serious
- 4.Very Serious
- 5.Fatality

**Likelihood x Severity = Risk**

**CALCULATING THE RISK RATING**

Is to be read in conjunction with the General Risk Assessment (GRA)



		Severity				
		Minor injury	Moderate injury	Serious	Very serious	Fatality
Likelihood	Improbable	1	2	3	4	5
	Low	2	4	6	8	10
	Medium	3	6	9	12	15
	High	4	8	12	16	20
	Near Certainty	5	10	15	20	25

### Risk Rating Bands:

RATING BANDS (a x b)		
LOW RISK (1-6)	MEDIUM RISK (7-14)	HIGH RISK (15-25)
Continue but review periodically to ensure controls remain effective.	Continue, but implement additional reasonably practicable controls where possible and monitor regularly.	<b>-STOP THE ACTIVITY-</b> Identify new controls. Activity must not proceed until risks are reduced to a low or medium level.

### Definition of risk:

A risk is the likelihood of the harm occurring and the severity of the harm if it does. Thus, in terms of "likelihood" there may be a hazard associated with water and drowning, but the risk can only be evaluated when the proximity of people to the water, the weather conditions, the equipment used, the people's proficiency and many other factors are taken into account.

As for severity, a hazard associated with falling can be evaluated also in terms of the distance and therefore the degree of harm which could occur – tripping and falling on the same level rarely causes serious injury (although this is not impossible) whereas falling down a flight of stairs is quite likely to result in broken bones or worse.

Finally, the risk factor should also consider the numbers of people potentially affected. A risk faced by many people every day should be treated as a higher priority than the same degree of risk faced by one person very occasionally. A key element of the risk assessment process is the measurement of the degree of risk present – improbable, low, medium, high or near certainty – in order to decide on these priorities and accord appropriate weight to preventative measures.