



GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

- This risk assessment relates to those hazards *specific to an activity*. It must ensure that all the precautions necessary to reduce the risk have been implemented.
- This generic *will be used with a local/site risk assessment*, which takes into account local circumstances, and persons involved.
- The level of risk is assessed using the *level of risk matrix (form F911D)*

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSED BY:	ASSESSMENT DATE
C14- SURVEYING			N.B. Generic risk assessment must be reviewed at least every 3 years.
HAZARD (Potential for harm)	LEVEL OF RISK (Severity) Low /Medium/ High	PRECAUTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED (to remove hazard; or reduce risk level to an acceptable level) (NOTE: one precaution may tackle several hazards)	
Tetanus, Leptospirosis and soil borne organisms (Sewage)		Broken skin must be covered with waterproof plaster before work starts. Cuts to be washed and treated immediately. Wash hands before eating, drinking using anti bacterial soap. Wear protective gloves if working in or moving soil by hand. When working involves surveying wetlands the water will be sampled before work starts to ensure no hazardous chemicals are present. Do not work on any site where sewage is present Waterproof gloves to be worn. All workers to be aware of symptoms of Leptospirosis and informed of requirement for tetanus inoculations. See also generic RA Pond, Stream and Wetland work i.e separate RA	
Amphibian disease Chytridiomycosis		Do not transfer amphibians, pond water or pond survey materials between sites without disinfecting equipment.	
Weather conditions		Ensure a sufficient water supply is available and suitable rest periods in shade in hot weather. Advise all workers to wear shirt to cover exposed skin, put on sun hats and use a high factor sun cream (slip slap, slop) Ensure all workers have adequate wet weather gear to prevent exposure, stop work immediately when conditions deteriorate. N.B. DO NOT use swinging tools in wet weather. Beware of increased hazard on slopes especially when ground is slippery.	
Uneven ground Trip and submerged hazards		Carry out an initial survey of the work area. Probe river/pond bed with a pole and mark out soft spots, sudden drops etc. (Do not carry out this survey alone!) Wear suitable footwear. Ensure first aid kit and first aider is present. See also generic RA Pond, Stream and Wetland work i.e. complete a separate and additional RA for this type of survey work	
Lone working		N.B. any survey work to be carried out on or near water, in tunnels or confined spaces or which involves working at height is NOT to be carried out alone. One person from team to remain outside in case of emergency Complete a separate RA - S01 Lone working. Carry a fully charged mobile phone when working on remote sites. (N.B. international emergency number 112) Leave no-one isolated on site. All personnel should carry with them a first aid kit, a map of the nearest A& E hospital to the site (incl. contact number) Before starting the survey, surveyors should identify best access points for emergency services.	