

THE ESSEX FIELD TRIAL SOCIETY LD.457.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:

Our General Policy is to:-

Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our activities.

Consult where appropriate with those involved in Field Trials organised by the Society, including the host of the ground or his agent, on matters affecting health and safety.

Provide safe equipment, where deemed appropriate.

Provide information and instruction for all those involved with Society organised Field Trials.

Where the Society arranges the guns ensure that all those shooting at the Trial are competent to undertake shooting activities/tasks and to give them adequate instruction.

Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health.

Maintain safe working conditions.

Review and revise this policy at regular intervals.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Overall and final responsibility for health and safety is that of: The Committee of the Essex Field Trial Society.

Day to day responsibility for ensuring that the policy is put into practice is delegated to the Chief Steward at each Field Trial organised by the Society.

In addition, to ensure that health & safety standards are maintained/improved the Steward of the Beat or an appointed deputy shall be responsible for the conduct of the line.

Everyone involved with Society activities has legal responsibilities to take care of the health & safety of themselves and others, and to co-operate in order to comply with the law. All members of the Society need to:-

Be co-operative on Health & Safety matters.

Take reasonable care of their own health and safety.

Report all Health & Safety concerns to either the Secretary or the Chief Steward.

RISK ASSESSMENTS:

Risk assessments will be undertaken by the Hon. Secretary.

The finding of the risk assessment will be reported to the Chairman.

Action required to remove/control risks will be approved by the Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

The Chief Steward at a Field Trial will be responsible for ensuring that the action required is implemented and check that the identified risk is eliminated or reduced.

CONSULTATION

Everyone involved with the Society's Field trials will be consulted on matters that may affect their health and safety.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION:

Health and Safety law leaflets, available from the Stationery office, will be issued to all employees. (Judges, all Stewards and when appropriate Guns) by the Hon. Secretary.

All accidents and cases of work-related ill health must be recorded in the Accident Book, maintained by the Secretary. The Chief Steward is responsible for investigating accidents and reporting them to the enforcing authority.

ANTI FIELDSPORTS LOBBYISTS:

Everyone involved at a Field Trial should be observant at all times of the risk of malevolent action from such people. Any such behaviour observed should be reported to the Steward of the Beat and the chief Steward at the earliest opportunity.

SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURE:

The key to achieving a safe system of work for each of operation is through the assessment of risk and effective planning to mitigate identified risk, prior to work commencing.

Formalised procedures have been produced for the following area of activity:-
FIELD TRIALS pertinent to **THE ESSEX FIELD TRIAL SOCIETY.**

FIRST AID:

The First Aid box will be kept by the Chief Steward or a Committee member at the Trial. The Chief Steward will be responsible for reporting any accidents or dangerous occurrences to the Essex Field Trials Society Committee.

EMERGENCY 112 (GIVES GPS POINT) USEFUL-EMERGENCY USE OF MOBILE PHONE IF BATTERIES ARE LOW, FOLLOWING THIS PROCEDURE: Press phone star symbol followed by 3370, then press hash symbol. (this will allow phone to be used for short time duration in order to contact Emergency services)

CAR PARKING AND TRANSPORT:

Where necessary, access to the meet of the Field Trial will be clearly marked with a sign. At all Trials there will be a certain amount of off road driving. At some Trials there may be access by 4 x 4 vehicles and some competitors with their dogs, spectators may be asked to share vehicles, or walk. All competitors and spectators must make their own transport arrangements and the Essex Field trials Society cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.

PRE-FIELD TRIAL BRIEFING:

The Chief Steward will be responsible for safety, supervision and discipline at the Field Trial. The Chief steward will be identified at the beginning of the Trial and will outline safety measures at the Pre-Trial briefing. All persons attending a Field Trial meeting must consider themselves under the control of the Secretary, Chief Steward and Officials of the Association. Any member of the Committee or attendee must inform the Chief Steward if they see anything dangerous or potentially dangerous, during the course of the trial. **ONCE THE TRIAL HAS STARTED NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING THE CHIEF STEWARD.** It is expected that everyone present will comply with the highest standards of safety and sportsmanship with respect to quarry, wildlife and the countryside in general. Any unsafe or inappropriate behaviour will result in the instant dismissal from the Trial. Any person under the age of sixteen must be accompanied by an adult.

WEATHER:

In the case of extreme weather condition, e.g. gale force winds, poor visibility due to fog or heavy rain, the Field Trial may be cancelled.

TOPOGRAPHY:

The ground used for our Trials is woods and farmland. The ground is rugged and at times walking may be difficult. There is thus an element of risk with slipping or tripping. It is recommended that suitable footwear is worn and appropriate clothes according to shoot custom, also a reasonable level of fitness is required. The Essex Field trial Society cannot accept responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.

GUN SAFETY:

Depending on which Trial is taking place, there will be 4-8 guns. The people carrying guns are very experienced in gun safety. It is The Essex Field trail Society policy that insurance cover and security of shotguns is the responsibility of the individual shooting at the Trial.

PLEASE NOTE – THAT BY ACCEPTING A RUN IN ANY TRIAL ORGANISED BY THE ESSEX FIELD TRAIL SOCIETY YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD AND ARE PREPARED TO ABIDE BY THE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AS SET OUT ABOVE: