

## Manage the implementation of shoot day activities

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### Overview

This standard outlines the competencies required by individuals who are responsible for managing the implementation of shoot day activities. It has been developed so that it can be applied to any game-shooting programme on any area of land used for game shooting.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game and wildlife conservation and who are responsible for managing the implementation of activities on a shoot day.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. manage shoot day activities to ensure they are implemented according to the requirements of a risk assessment and the game-shooting programme
2. manage the allocation of resources to achieve the planned objectives of the game-shooting programme
3. manage staff and volunteers to facilitate effective implementation of the planned shoot day activities
4. confirm that the requirements of the game-shooting programme are communicated to all those involved with its implementation
5. establish and maintain effective communications at all times, with guns, and those involved in implementing the shoot day activities
6. confirm that contingency plans are in place to deal with any factors that impact on the planned shoot day activities, including human influences, unexpected game behaviour, weather conditions, deliberate actions to disrupt the shoot day activities
7. confirm that all shoot day activities meet the objectives of the game-shooting programme and are implemented according to relevant legal and organisational requirements
8. confirm that suitable measures are in place to maintain health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
9. confirm that game carcasses are handled and stored hygienically, according to relevant legal requirements
10. confirm that accurate records are maintained of all shoot day activities including the quarry shot, time and location and the shots taken
11. obtain feedback from those involved in the shoot day activities, including gamekeepers, support staff, volunteers and guns, to support the development of the game-shooting programme

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the roles essential to the implementation of safe shoot day activities
2. the resources required to support shooting activities, such as people, transport, equipment, finance, animals
3. the methods used to prepare and brief all those involved with shoot day activities
4. the relevant national and local regulations that control shoot days, relating to the use of firearms, access to the countryside, animal welfare, and the use of casual staff and volunteers
5. how staff and volunteers can be managed to ensure the effective implementation of planned shoot day activities
6. the action to take in the event of deliberate disruption to the shoot day activities
7. effective recording systems and their value to the implementation of shoot day activities
8. the relevant legal requirements controlling the handling and storage of game carcasses
9. how game reacts on shoot days and what can happen to alter their predicted behaviour
10. the role of relevant legislation, national policies, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements that support the safe implementation of shoot day activities

## Glossary

### **Game**

Legal quarry species, including deer

### **Game-shooting activities**

- the layout of the shoot area
- the preparation of equipment and materials
- liaison and organisation with guns
- the organisation of beating, flagging, stopping, picking up, handling and storing dead game

### **Game-shooting programme**

Planned shoot activities covering a shooting season

### **Gun**

Participant in shooting activities

### **Sector guidance could include:**

The Code of Good Shooting Practice

Deer Initiative Best Practice Guides

Scottish Natural Heritage Best Practice Guides

### **Wildlife management area**

Any area of land used for the provision of game-shooting activities

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