

Manage security for a wildlife management area

Overview

This standard outlines the competencies required by individuals who are responsible for managing security for a wildlife management area. It has been developed so that it can be applied to a variety of situations.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game and wildlife conservation and who are responsible for establishing security systems, supporting others to maintain security and dealing with any security incidents.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. establish and manage security procedures for the wildlife management area that comply with relevant legal and organisational requirements covering site infrastructure, access, poaching
2. establish and manage systems that ensure the safe and legal storage of controlled items, including firearms and ammunition, chemicals used for pest control and other purposes
3. manage the effective use of resources to maintain the security of the wildlife management area
4. confirm that working methods maintain health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation, codes of practice and organisational requirements
5. communicate security requirements to others by an appropriate method
6. manage security incidents safely and effectively in accordance with relevant legal and organisational requirements
7. establish procedures to ensure effective evidence collection and reporting with respect to security incidents

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant legal requirements that control the security of firearms, ammunition, chemicals and other hazardous items, poaching, land tenure and access for a wildlife management area
2. the importance of maintaining the security of equipment, livestock, working animals and game
3. the areas at most risk of security incidents in the wildlife management area
4. the national and local regulations relating to rights of way, access and the right to roam
5. the features of the wildlife management area that require special security measures
6. how to manage security and those involved in maintaining it to ensure the effective implementation of procedures
7. why the effective communication of security requirements is important to the management of security for a wildlife management area
8. the systems in place for recording and reporting evidence of security incidents
9. how to deal with security incidents, safely and without putting yourself or others at risk
10. the role of the police in supporting security activities
11. the topography of the area including access and vantage points
12. the role of relevant legislation, national policies, codes of practice, sector guidance and organisational requirements that support the management of security for a wildlife management area

Glossary

Game

Legal quarry species, including deer

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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