

# RISK ASSESSMENT – GLENGOWLA MINES – SHEEP DOG DISPLAYS AND TURF CUTTING



<b>Date:</b> 21 June 2020	<b>Next Review:</b> When Regulations are revised and prior to start of 2021 Season	<b>Assessed by:</b> K Geoghegan, Managing Director
<b>Comments:</b> Additional information on Manual Handling and the associated injuries from Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) is provided in Appendix B and D.		

Hazards	Who is at risk?	Existing Controls	Risk
<b>Sheep</b> Can be unpredictable. They can be harassed, scattered and injured and may not respond well to the sheep dog used for herding sheep	Injuries to the sheep, the handler and visitors. Injuries can happen when sheep run into you and/or knock you over. Sheep are not usually aggressive but, if they are frightened, they can hurt people when trying to get away. For example, they may jump when hemmed in and stressed. They can jump with enough force to break a handler's leg, or high enough to strike a handler in the chest or face and knock them over. Zoonoses (diseases that people can catch from animals).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person handling livestock is competent and fit (Managing Director).</li> <li>Principles of good sheep handling are used when handling sheep.</li> <li>Correct manual handling techniques to be used – (refer to guidance Appendix A and B)</li> <li>Pens and fencing are safe and allow safe animal handling</li> <li>Gates can be securely closed.</li> <li>Fencing is adequate and maintained in a good state of repair.</li> <li>Visitors are kept behind the fence and have no contact with the sheep.</li> <li>Children must be supervised by an adult at all times</li> <li>Visitors to maintain social distancing as per COVID-19 regulations.</li> <li>Disease in Sheep is controlled through correct hygiene practices i.e. dipped, vaccinated and dosed.</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Sheep dog</b>	Staff and visitors must suffer scratches / bites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheep dog is well-trained, obedient, and is not aggressive.</li> <li>Sheep dog handler is experienced and competent</li> <li>Sheep dog handler has a close working relationship with the dog</li> <li>Sheep dog is kept away from visitors and cannot be touched by them.</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
<b>COVID-19</b>	Staff handling sheep and sheep dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic hygiene precautions should always be taken when handling animals, including regular handwashing, because animals can pass other diseases to humans (zoonotic diseases).</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Turf Cutting</b>	Staff may suffer Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) from incorrect manual handling techniques, i.e. injuries from repeated physical movements damaging tendons, nerves, muscles and other soft body tissues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correct manual handling techniques to be used – (refer to guidance Appendix B and D)</li> <li>The sleán should be in good condition</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>

Hazard No.	Any Additional Control Measures Required?	Action by Who/When	Completion Date
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Note: Additional Controls – these are controls which are currently not in place.