

### Overview

This standard describes your role in supporting shoot days. It relates to the work activities that you undertake to support shoot days on your sporting estate. This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation in either an employed or recreational capacity, and can be applied to any shooting estate. It also supports the provision of competent person status for those involved in the provision of game meat for human consumption.

To meet this standard you will be able:

1. prepare shoot areas and equipment for use on the shoot day
2. assist with activities essential to running the shoot day, working according to the planned – shooting programme
3. conclude work related to equipment, facilities and the shooting area
4. transport, sort and store game carcasses

This standard relates to the following application or context:

Preparing sporting aids to support shooting activities such as:  
environmental contamination  
driven game  
walked-up game  
flighted wildfowl  
decoying

Prepare, clean and store sporting aids and equipment such as:  
flags  
sticks  
sewelling  
communication equipment  
binoculars  
firearms

Within the context of shooting activities you may have to complete the following roles:

dogging-in  
beating  
stopping  
picking-up  
transporting dead game  
sewelling  
flagging  
guiding

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loading both single and double gunning

Determining the condition of live game through observations of:  
behaviour  
physical condition

Segregating carcasses that represent a potential risk as a result of:  
abnormal behaviour  
poor physical condition

Inspecting game for:  
shot damage  
physical condition  
environmental contamination

Returning the shooting area to pre-shoot condition by:  
collecting equipment  
disposing of spent ammunition cases

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Prepare equipment and facilities in support of game shooting activities**

- P1 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P2 prepare game transport and storage into a hygienic condition suitable for receiving dead game
- P3 prepare transport into a safe operating condition
- P4 prepare sporting aids and equipment to effectively support planned shooting activities
- P5 establish gun stands accurately according to shooting programme
- P6 prepare access points according to needs of planned shoot programme

*You must be able to:*

#### **Support shoot day activities**

- P7 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P8 dress to provide protection from environmental conditions and to meet appropriate dress codes
- P9 support **shooting activities** by effectively completing **roles** to achieve requirements of shooting programme
- P10 Maintain safety of participants, staff and public by adhering to the shooting programme and legal requirements
- P11 communicate clearly and effectively with colleagues
- P12 monitor game movements and adjust activities accordingly
- P13 observe wild game to **determine** if condition is suitable for human consumption
- P14 assist and aid guns and colleagues in a polite and courteous manner
- P15 find, approach and dispatch injured game humanely
- P16 hygienically collect and handle game carcasses
- P17 segregate individual carcasses that may form a **risk** to human health
- P18 transport game carcasses hygienically

*You must be able to:*

#### **Conclude shoot day activities**

- P19 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P20 establish storage facilities into a condition suitable to receive game carcasses
- P21 sort game carcasses accurately by species, age and sex
- P22 inspect game carcasses to confirm condition as suitable for entering the food chain
- P23 store game carcasses according to legal requirements
- P24 maintain the condition of game carcasses through careful handling and by following recommend hygiene practice
- P25 take appropriate action when carcass abnormality is identified, according to legal requirements
- P26 dispose of waste according to legal requirements

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- P27 return shooting area to pre-shoot condition
- P28 dispose of waste according to legal requirements
- P29 clean and store equipment, sporting aids, equipment and transport after use
- P30 maintain accurate records according to organisational and legal requirements

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Prepare equipment and facilities in support of game shooting activities**

- K1 the preparation requirements of transport
- K2 the legal requirements controlling the design and construction of game transport, larder facilities, tools and equipment used in the preparation of game for human consumption
- K3 the sporting aids used to support shooting activities
- K4 the legal requirements controlling the planned shooting activities
- K5 the transport requirements of shooting activities
- K6 the requirements of the shoot programme
- K7 the health and safety requirements associated with preparing for game shooting activities
- K8 the conditions under which game must be stored
- K9 the safety checks that need to be made to firearms and ammunition for use
- K10 how the positioning of gun stands can impact on safety on shoot days

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Support shoot day activities**

- K11 the reasons for having and following a shooting programme
- K12 the role of the different activities that help facilitate the shoot day
- K13 normal anatomy and physiology of small game
- K14 normal behaviour of small game including the signs that indicate ill health
- K15 common small game diseases including those which are notifiable
- K16 potential causes of contamination that can impact on the quality of game meat including the factors that can affect human health after consumption
- K17 the expected movements of the game, possible deviations and the actions required to correct deviations
- K18 the value of polite and courteous communications
- K19 the legal requirements controlling shoot day activities
- K20 how to dispatch different game species humanely
- K21 proper techniques to be used to handle and transport game carcasses from the field
- K22 how incorrect handling practices can damage and contaminate game meat
- K23 the processes used to segregate individual game carcasses
- K24 the legal requirements controlling the handling and storage of game carcasses
- K25 appropriate shooting dress codes to suit shooting activities
- K26 the health and safety requirements associated with shoot day activities
- K27 the etiquette of shooting
- K28 the principles of safe handling including loading, double gunning and

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safe shooting practices

*You need to know and understand:*

### **Conclude shoot day activities**

- K29 how to identify species, age and sex and condition of game
- K30 how to inspect game carcasses
- K31 proper techniques to be used to handle and store game carcasses
- K32 how incorrect handling practices can damage game meat
- K33 how to handle game to maintain its condition
- K34 why shoot areas are returned to pre-shoot condition
- K35 the conditions under which game should be stored
- K36 your responsibilities under the current food hygiene regulations
- K37 the preparation requirements of shot game, suitable for human consumption
- K38 industry codes of practice controlling the transport and storage of a game
- K39 the health and safety requirements associated with concluding the shoot day
- K40 the principles of basic hygiene as it applies to the handling of game carcasses
- K41 the quality requirements for game entering the food chain
- K42 the processes used by game dealers to enter game meat onto the food chain
- K43 the action to take if carcass abnormalities are identified
- K44 the principles of HACCP as they apply to the supply of game carcasses for human consumption
- K45 the reasons for keeping shoot records and the importance of their accuracy
- K46 the legal requirements controlling record keeping, labelling and traceability for game meat entering the food chain
- K47 how to clean and inspect firearms

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### Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes, it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard. The definitions below should help you with this.

#### **Shooting activities**

Any legal field sport involving the hunting of game with a firearm

#### **Shooting estate**

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

#### **Gun**

Participant in shooting activity

#### **Game**

In this standard the term game refers to 'small game'. Under EU Regulations the definition of 'small game' is much wider than the traditional game species and may include all or some of the following UK quarry species.

#### **Gamebirds**

Pheasant, grey partridge, red-legged partridge, red grouse, black grouse, ptarmigan (Scotland only)

#### **Duck**

Mallard, teal, wigeon, pintail, shoveler, gadwall, tufted duck, pochard, goldeneye, scaup (NI only)

#### **Geese**

Pink-footed goose, grey lag goose, white-fronted goose (England & Wales only) Canada goose

#### **Waders**

Golden plover, common snipe, jack snipe (NI only), curlew (NI only), woodcock

#### **Rail family**

Coot (England, Wales & Scotland only), moorhen (England, Wales & Scotland only)

#### **Pest bird species**

Woodpigeon, rook

#### **Mammals**

Rabbit, brown hare, mountain hare, grey squirrel

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