

Contribute to the prevention of rural crime in a wildlife management area

Overview

This standard is about contributing to the prevention of rural crime in a wildlife management area.

This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis, and can be applied to any wildlife management area.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

- implement procedures to detect rural crime
- implement procedures to be applied in the prevention of rural crime
- minimise the effect of poaching on a wildlife management area
- deal with poaching incidents.

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. See Glossary for some definitions that should help you with this.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. determine the potential risk from rural crime to the wildlife management area
2. contribute to the prevention of rural crime by implementing procedures in compliance with relevant legal requirements
3. communicate with relevant people regarding procedures
4. implement effective systems for accurately recording security information
5. ensure work is carried out safely, in line with relevant health and safety requirements
6. maintain area security in accordance with the procedures of your organisation and the legal requirements
7. contribute to the effective implementation of preventative measures that aim to minimise rural crime
8. investigate the nature of incidents within the limits of your own authority
9. contribute to surveillance operations to confirm poaching activity
10. seek advice from the appropriate authority when a poaching incident falls outside your own area of responsibility
11. deal with incidents courteously and firmly
12. maintain accurate records and reports of all incidents, as required by the organisation that you work for and the relevant legal requirements

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. relevant legislation associated with countryside and access
2. the health and safety requirements associated with the prevention of rural crime, including the dangers associated with lone working
3. how to determine the risk posed by rural crime
4. what constitutes poaching and how this varies from other forms of rural crime
5. the methods employed as part of rural crime
6. the periods of the year when game is most vulnerable to poachers
7. how to implement preventative measures that can be used to minimise poaching activity
8. how to implement surveillance operations that can be used to confirm poaching activity
9. the actions that can be legally taken to minimise rural crime
10. the devices that can be legally deployed to prevent rural crime
11. how animals can be used to prevent rural crime
12. the features and characteristics of the wildlife management area that are vulnerable to rural crime
13. how to recognise a suspected poaching incident
14. the legal powers of authorised persons to deal with poaching and other forms of rural crime
15. the legal rights and the limitations of access
16. the importance of courtesy and firmness when dealing with incidents
17. how to deal with aggressive and abusive behaviour
18. how to report incidents and the importance of accuracy in reporting them
19. where to obtain advice about incidents

Scope/range

Implement procedures in respect of:

- crime prevention
- patrolling
- surveillance
- monitoring security

Implement procedures to deal with the following incidents:

- unauthorised access
- suspected theft
- suspected poaching
- poaching

Communicate with the following people regarding procedures:

- shoot manager(s)
- colleagues
- other estate workers

Seek advice from the appropriate authority:

- police
- shoot management

Glossary

Game – legal game quarry species, including deer

Wildlife management area – any area of land used for the provision of game shooting activities

Access – entry onto the land facility or a building forming part of the sporting estate

Poaching – the unauthorised removal of game from the wild

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