

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM: Treatment of rodent infestations (rats, mice, squirrels) using mechanical break-back traps.

1. Risk Assessment For:		2. Assessment Undertaken By:		3. Location of task:	
Customer Name:		Name: Andy Wood			
Site Address:		Date: 15Oct2025			
		Select one of the following:			
		Single Job / Short Term Job / Service Contract /			
		Generic Risk Assessment			
Date:		Date to be Reviewed: 15Oct2026			

4. Briefly describe the task/process and type of property:
Treatment involves the control of rodent infestations (rats, mice, squirrels) through the placement and monitoring of mechanical break-back traps within domestic, commercial, or agricultural premises.
The task includes site inspection, identification of entry points and signs of activity, safe positioning of traps within tamper-proof stations or protected areas, and daily follow-up checks for captures.
Captured rodents are disposed of hygienically, and traps are reset as required. Work is carried out in line with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and relevant BPCA guidance.

5. List significant hazards, groups at risk, risk ratings and control measures:					
Ref No.	Significant Hazard	Groups at Risk	Pre-control Risk L-M-H	Control Measures	Post-control Risk : L-M-H
1	Finger or hand injury when setting traps	Technician	M	Use correct trap-setting tools and techniques. Wear gloves and ensure traps are stable before activation.	L
2	Public or pets accessing traps	Public, pets	H	Place traps in secure, tamper-resistant stations or out of public reach. Label clearly and monitor daily.	L
3	Manual handling or kneeling injuries during placement	Technician	M	Use correct posture and tools to reach confined areas. Avoid awkward positioning.	L
4	Contamination from dead rodents or biological material	Technician	M	Wear disposable gloves and use disinfectant wipes or sprays during carcass removal. Dispose of waste per local authority guidance.	L
5	Slips, trips or falls in lofts or tight spaces	Technician	M	Ensure good lighting, maintain clear access routes, and avoid working alone in hazardous spaces.	L

6. Specific considerations to be made:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure traps are placed only where non-target species and the public cannot access. • Clearly communicate trap locations to the customer and mark them discreetly. • Inspect traps at least once daily to maintain humane standards. • Dispose of carcasses using approved sanitary methods and record all captures. • Follow BPCA and product manufacturer safety guidance, and Red Pencil Pest Control operational procedures.

Technician Name (PRINT):	Andy Wood	Memo: Risk rating = Severity of hazard X Likelihood of Risk Hazard – Action or activity with the POTENTIAL to cause harm
Signature / Date:	Electronic 15Oct2025	Risk – The LIKELIHOOD of such a hazard causing harm (Who and How)

It is the responsibility of all persons involved with the task to ensure that this assessment is suitable, sufficient, and followed. If more than five significant hazards are found on site, this document may not be suitable.