

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM: Treatment of mole infestations using Duffus 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Job / <input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Job / <input type="checkbox"/> Service Contract / <input type="checkbox"/> Generic Risk Assessment			
Post Code					
Date:		Date to be Reviewed: 15Oct2026			

4. Briefly describe the task/process and type of property:
Treatment involves locating and trapping moles in domestic gardens, commercial grounds, and agricultural land using approved mechanical traps (e.g. Duffus traps). The work includes inspecting mole runs, identifying active tunnels, safe trap placement below ground level, and subsequent daily monitoring and removal. Tasks may involve light digging and manual handling of soil. All trapping is conducted in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and relevant humane trapping guidelines.

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	Cuts, pinching or trapping injuries when setting traps	Technician	M	Wear gloves when handling traps. Use safe setting techniques and keep hands clear of jaws. Carry traps in a secure container.	L
2	Manual handling and digging strain injuries	Technician	M	Use correct posture and lightweight tools. Avoid repetitive bending. Take breaks as required.	L
3	Slips, trips or falls on uneven or wet ground	Technician	M	Assess ground conditions before work. Wear sturdy, non-slip footwear. Avoid working in poor visibility.	L
4	Public or pets accessing traps	Public, pets	H	Set traps below ground in active runs only. Mark locations discreetly. Advise customer to keep pets and children away from treated areas.	L
5	Leptospirosis or zoonotic infection from soil or animal contact	Technician	M	Wear gloves, cover cuts, wash hands thoroughly after work, and follow hygiene protocols.	L

6. Specific considerations to be made:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify active runs before setting traps and mark trap locations accurately. Never place traps where pets or public may access. Use signage or inform the client where traps are in place. Disinfect tools and hands after handling soil or animals. Follow BPCA and DEFRA guidance, and Red Pencil Pest Control safe-use procedures.



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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 Risk – The LIKELIHOOD of such a hazard causing harm (Who and How)
Signature / Date:	Electronic 15Oct2025	

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.