



hebridean sheep society

Risk Assessments for Demonstrations at Shows and Other Events

Event..... Date..... Person i/c.....

Description of Risk	Likelihood*	Severity*	Procedures to Minimize Risk	Relevant?
Display stand is on uneven ground and so unstable. Risk of stand falling and injuring somebody, especially a child.	2	1	In such a circumstance, stabilise stand with guy lines or sandbags at base.	
Moving sheep from trailer to pen. Risk of escape and subsequent damage.	1	2	Trailer brought as close to pen as feasible. Sheep may be moved only by experience handlers, ideally using halter if trained to halter.	
Risk of zoonotic diseases (e.g. orf) infecting a member of the public.	1	3	All sheep to be checked daily for disease by experienced flockmaster. Notice attached to pen advising public not to touch.	
Risk of injury to member of public from ram's horns (butting by ram).	2	2	Rams with poor temperament to be avoided. Notice attached to pen advising public not to touch.	
Risk of injury to member of public from 4-horn ram, especially contact between upright horns and a child's face as ram moves head suddenly.	2	3	Consider carefully before displaying 4H rams. Notice attached to pen advising public not to touch nor lean over pen. Consider additional barrier for public 30cm from pen.	
Risk of sheep disease spreading to other sheep.	1	2	All sheep to be checked daily for disease by experienced flockmaster.	
Risk of falling when fixing banner or other items at height.	1	3	Operator to make judgement of individual risk and availability of suitable access equipment and only carry out the procedure if safe to do so.	
Accident to operator or helper caused by dropping or falling heavy equipment, for example hurdles.	1	1	Operator to carry only as many hurdles as safe to do. Unassembled hurdles to be laid on ground or leaned at angle of at least 20 degrees from vertical.	

*1=least likely/severe; 3=most likely/severe.