

HEALTH & SAFETY

PROPERTY HAZARDS

FACTSHEET HSSE1

Health and safety is fundamental for landowners and OSPRI staff working on their properties. This factsheet outlines the responsibilities and the possible hazards to consider.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

OSPRI is responsible for making sure our staff and contractors work safely, and that their workplace is safe. Your workplace is, for a short time, the contractor's workplace, so we all have a duty to consult, cooperate and coordinate our work activities to ensure the health and safety of everybody involved. In general, OSPRI workers should:

- supply and use all personal protective equipment required,
- abide by reasonable land occupier safety rules, requests or expectations, and
- work safely, taking reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others.

In general, landowners and farmers are responsible for:

- a hazard assessment of their workplace to identify and control health and safety risks,
- ensuring that their work doesn't harm OSPRI workers, and
- informing authorised visitors of the specific hazards they are likely to encounter in the workplace.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TELL US

A contractor representing OSPRI will generally ask about hazards on your property at the beginning of their programme of work. Please tell them:

- by which route(s) they should access your property,
- hazards around your farm buildings and associated structures,
- any work or activity happening on your property that they should be aware of, and
- anything dangerous that they can't see for themselves. Some typical specific hazards are depicted over the page.

HOW TO COORDINATE WITH US

Warning OSPRI personnel about hazards and risks can be as simple as telling the contractor. Alternatively, give them a copy of your own hazard register or safety plan. It's their responsibility to develop and follow safe work plans and practices. That includes passing on – to their own workers and to us – all health and safety-related information or instructions you have provided. We will not share your information outside our organisation; it's collected purely for our own safety purposes.

WE WILL WORK WITH YOU

Health and safety relies on two-way communication – we tell you about the hazards involved in our work so you can assess how to work safely with us. If you have questions, please contact your local OSPRI office or call 0800 482 463.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE HAZARDS

Please let us know if you have any hazards on your property. These could include:



Aggressive animals



Hunters or other recreational users



Sink holes or underground caves



Storage or use of explosives,
or unused military weapons



Tracks impassable or dangerous



Burn-off areas
(recent or planned)



Hot wires across tracks



Industrial activities
e.g. quarrying, logging



Bridges unsuitable
to carry vehicles



Areas prone to slips or frequent rock-falls



Unstable structures



Areas where children often play



Mining or mined areas



Dwellings or temporary
accommodation



Offal pits or effluent
containment areas