## Risk Assessment for Rodent Control

**Assessment no:** RA31

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<td>Work activity being assessed:</td>
<td>RODENT PREVENTION</td>
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### Key To Assessment:

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<th>Hazard/s</th>
<th>Low</th>
<th>Medium</th>
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<td>Minor impact/damage quickly repaired</td>
<td>Moderate impact/partial loss of operations</td>
<td>Disaster/very serious consequences</td>
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### Precautions/controls required to reduce the level of risk to the lowest practicable level

#### Site conditions – possible slips, trips & falls

- Pest control technician
- Operatives
- Site users

- Pest control technician to obtain appropriate information regarding site activities
- Pest control technician to wear suitable non-slip footwear.

**Residual Risk:** Low

#### Pedestrian movement & vehicle – injury to personnel

- Pest control technician
- Operatives
- Site users

- Pest control technician to sign in at reception on arrival on site.
- Be aware at all times
- Take into account others movements and activities whilst carrying out duties

**Residual Risk:** Low

#### Handling of poison

- Pest control technician

- Wear correct PPE (personal protective equipment) and use as per the label
- Follow manufacturers instructions
- Adhere to safe working practices at all times

**Residual Risk:** Low

#### Bait left on premises

- Non-target species or harm personnel present in building

- All baits to be placed in plastic, tamper resistant boxes which prevent bait from becoming damp or tampered with, being especially discreet and thoughtful around psychiatric unit
- Position baits well down holes if hole baiting is required
- Try to keep baits on non pedestrian or public access areas

**Residual Risk:** Low

#### Boxes location and siting

- Pest control technician
- Operatives
- Site users

- All boxes placed safely out of way of public thoroughfares in discreet position

**Residual Risk:** Low
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<th>Contracting Leptospirosis from rat droppings / urine</th>
<th>Technician</th>
<th>• Wear correct PPE i.e. nitrile gloves</th>
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<td>Danger to non-target species</td>
<td>Non-target species</td>
<td>• Technician is trained to BPCA level 2, British Pest Control Association, also has been trained for CRRU – Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use, to identify correct signs of target rats and mice – brown rat (Rattus Norvegicus) and house mice (Musca domestica), also to recognise signs of protected species ie dormice, water voles and shrews, etc.</td>
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**Method Statement**

- Arrive at site wearing correct PPE – high-vis vest, steel toe cap boots, hard hat and nitrile gloves, and sign in at office
- Use site plan to locate bait boxes
- While carrying out site inspection remain vigilant for signs of non-target species
- Check bait visually to ensure it is still fresh and inspect for signs of rodent activity
- Replace bait as necessary to maintain effectiveness
- Check bait box is clean and presentable, replacing if necessary
- Fill in treatment report sheet, place in file and hand in at reception
- Sign out of premises
- Return copy of report sheet to AES offices