**Generic Risk Assessment for Vulnerable Persons Fishing at Redbridge Lakes**

**Location:** Redbridge Fishing Lakes, 1 Salix Lane, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 8LY  
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**RISK ASSESSMENT IDENTIFICATION NO:** RL/GRA002  
**SITE SUPERVISOR:** Various

**Hazard Identification and Control Measures**

**1. Inexperienced Fisher Supervising Vulnerable Persons**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s), other anglers, visitors  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** High  
**Control Measures:**

* If a carer does not have fishing experience, they should not teach vulnerable people to fish.
* Redbridge Lakes can provide information, instruction, and training to help carers become skilled enough to teach proper fishing techniques to vulnerable people.

**Risk Following Controls:** Medium

**2. Access and Egress**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* Carers and responsible adults should read the signs on the gate before entering the lakes.
* Keep speed under 5 mph and park sensibly.
* Always be careful and pay attention, be polite to others, give way to pedestrians.
* Ensure all vulnerable people are supervised from the moment they enter the facility.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**3. Identification of Young Persons, Entry and Exit to and from Site**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* All supervisors must register at the shop to confirm their entry and exit from the site or use the key fob.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**4. Assessment by Carer(s), Responsible Adult(s) with Reference to Vulnerable Young/Adult Persons**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* Carers and responsible adults should visit the lake before bringing any vulnerable individuals or groups to assess any extra risks related to their specific needs.
* Any additional hazards or risks can be noted at the bottom of this assessment and a copy given to the Management of Redbridge Lakes.
* Alternatively, carers or responsible adults can provide their own risk assessment to the Management of Redbridge Lakes.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**5. Correct Amount of Supervision to Control the Numbers of Vulnerable Young/Adult Persons Visiting Site**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s), users, visitors, employees  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** High  
**Control Measures:**

* Ensure there are enough supervisors with the vulnerable person or group during the visit to ensure they are fully supervised and controlled.
* Ensure the health and safety of everyone using the facility at that time is not compromised.

**Risk Following Controls:** Medium

**6. Risk of Infection (e.g., Weil's Disease, Cross Contamination from Bait, Fish, Algae)**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** High  
**Control Measures:**

* Carers, responsible adults to ensure that personal hygiene of vulnerable persons is controlled and monitored.
* Hands must be washed before eating, drinking, smoking, and at regular intervals throughout the day and at the end of the day.
* Cuts and wounds must be cleaned and covered immediately.

**Risk Following Controls:** Medium

**7. Vaccination**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* All persons to have a tetanus vaccination against bacterial disease.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**8. Personal Protective Clothing**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* Carers, responsible adults to ensure that the correct clothing is worn by the vulnerable persons.
* Consideration to be given to additional PPE such as life jackets.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**9. Risk of Drowning, Hypothermia**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** High  
**Control Measures:**

* No person to enter the lake.
* For retrieving items from the lake, inform management and take appropriate action.
* Anglers must fish only from reinforced areas to avoid unstable banks.
* Access to deep and hazardous areas like ditches and the slit pit is prohibited.

**Risk Following Controls:** Medium

**10. Slips, Trips, and Falls**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s)  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* Carers, responsible persons must always observe the paths in front of them as weather conditions are likely to affect the ground conditions.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**11. Risk of Injury (e.g., from Fish Spines, Snagged Tackle, Insect Bites, Stings from Plants, Bees)**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s), anglers, visitors  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** Medium  
**Control Measures:**

* Take care when handling fish and tackle to prevent injury.
* Treat stings and bites immediately.
* Do not eat or touch plants and berries to prevent poisoning.
* Keep away from beehives, especially during hot weather when bees are active.
* Avoid aftershave or perfumes that could attract bees and other stinging insects.
* Avoid loud noises or active movements near beehives.

**Risk Following Controls:** Low

**12. Fishing from Covered Platforms**

**Persons at Risk:** Carer(s), responsible adult(s), vulnerable young person(s), vulnerable adult(s), anglers, visitors  
**Initial Risk Evaluation:** High  
**Control Measures:**

* Persons should remain seated while fishing to avoid tripping or falling into the lake.
* Be aware of the water depth (up to 2m) off the stages.
* Note the location of the life belt situated outside the front area.

**Risk Following Controls:** Medium

**Additional Hazards Identified by Carer(s), Responsible Persons According to the Needs of the Vulnerable Person:**

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This assessment is to be used as a guide only. Further information following carers'/responsible adults' assessment will need to be added or a new assessment supplied to Redbridge Lakes.