

# Danger from Wild Deer

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## Background

In September 2016 a staff member was walking along a forestry track while surveying a site for a new connection when a Red Deer stag attacked him. Our colleague was seriously injured in the attack which was aggressive and sustained.

September/October is the mating/rutting season for deer and during this period stags become very territorial and aggressive and may attack without warning. A full grown stag can weigh up to 200kg's and grow up to 2.5M in height.

During this period, it is best to avoid areas where populations of Red or Fallow deer are known to frequent.

If in doubt seek advice from local landowners or the local wildlife ranger on the presence of Red or Fallow Deer if necessary.



## What should I do?

### Managers/Supervisors:

- Ensure all staff reporting to you are made aware of this hazard and receive a copy of this special briefing.

### All Staff that may Patrol/Visit/Work in these areas:

- If it is necessary to visit one of these areas, do not go there alone during this period and let your supervisor/manager know all the details of the visit including location, time of visit, planned route and expected return time.
- Refer to Lone Working Policy: [DOC-060715-BZU](#) for more detailed information.