

# Stòras Uibhist

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## Stalking Health and Safety Policy Statement

Stòras Uibhist aims to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety & welfare of our visitors while they are stalking on South Uist Estate Land. This general policy statement provides a commitment and intent to comply with the Health & Safety Law Act 1974

To ensure the principles of Health & Safety are clearly understood, guests must ensure the following points are adhered to:

**Here in after your guide will be referred to as “the stalker” and you (the guest) will be referred to as “the rifle”.**

- Guests must declare any medical conditions that may affect their ability to undertake a sporting activity before the activity commences
- The Stalkers instructions, which are clearly briefed beforehand, must be followed at all times.
- Initially the rifle will be taken to a designated practice target. Only when the Stalker is satisfied that the rifle is a competent shot will they be taken to the hill.
- The rifle will be shown a diagram, clearly marking the point of aim on the beast.
- The rifle must ensure that appropriate camouflage clothing & waterproof footwear is worn.
- The rifle must ensure they bring sufficient food/water for a potential 10 hour day.
- If the Stalker decides the weather is unsuitable, for example low cloud or mist, this would prevent the stalking party going to the hill, or in the event of the weather deteriorating the day may be cut short at the stalkers discretion.
- Whilst in the Argocat, the rifle must ensure they wear the safety harness.
- When not in use the firearm will be unloaded and sleeved. Only loading the firearm when approaching or at the firing point. The stalker will instruct when the firearm can be loaded.
- At firing point, the rifle will not fire until instructed to do so. A beast will identified by the stalker. The stalker will coach the rifle through the process and shot. Should a beast be wounded the stalker will take the rifle & dispatch the animal, the guest must remain at the firing point.
- Once the stalk has been successfully completed, the rifle must remain with the beast until the stalker returns with the argocat.
- One member of the party will be issued with a SPOT , Satellite GPS Messenger Device, to carry in-case of an emergency. An instruction card will be given to the rifle to ensure they are aware how to operate it.



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- On their return from the hill all participants are advised to check themselves thoroughly for ticks to prevent contraction of Lyme disease.
- All firearms must be locked in security cabinet when not in use.
- Failure to adhere to these rules, may result in the stalk being cancelled. No refund will be offered in this instance.
- Additional surcharges may be incurred if the rifle shoots a beast not identified by the stalker.
- The stalkers instructions and decisions are final.
- Before you use a gun:
  - Check there is no obstruction in the barrels, e.g. snow or mud
  - Always check the gun is unloaded.
  - Check the barrels regularly for rusting, pitting and dents.
  - Make sure the gun has been serviced regularly by a competent person.
  - If the gun is new to you, familiarise yourself with all its features, especially the safety catch, check how sensitive the trigger is.