



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION Inc

POLICY RE TRAPPER TRAINING AND TRAPPER SAFETY

POLICY No. 7

PROCEDURE

The South Australian Clay Target Association is committed to an injury free sport and have identified that trappers that are engaged at clubs and facilities may be injured if safe practices are not adopted by those clubs or facilities.

To assist in the safety of trappers and individuals at clay target facilities, the following will apply for all SACTA affiliated clubs that utilise trappers in the loading of traps and trap houses:

Safety equipment.

The use and wearing of safety eye and ear protection by trappers is compulsory at all times when undertaking trapper duties. If trappers are unable to provide this equipment, the club or facility shall make the equipment available to trappers.

Safe manual handling practices

Trappers are to be instructed in the safe handling of heavy objects – safe manual handling practices (including boxes of targets) and shall be assisted when required by another member trained in safe manual handling practices.

Safety training of trappers

Trappers shall be trained in the safe loading and unloading of a trap and trap house prior to undertaking any trapper duties and shall sign a register that will be kept by the Club Secretary. (Copy of register attached). Every club affiliated with SACTA shall nominate a person as the trapper trainer, this person being competent in the instruction of the above requirements.

The onus is upon the club or facility that has engaged the services of the trapper, to provide the correct safety equipment, training and recording of trapper training.

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TRAPPER TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. Trappers are to be trained before any attempt to operate or load a trap.
2. Trappers are to be issued with and instructed in the compulsory use of ear and eye protection
3. Trappers are to be instructed not to enter the shooting area until all shooters in that area are unloaded.
4. Trappers are to be instructed in making voice release systems safe before entering any trap house.
5. Trappers are to be made aware of the use of the red flag at the trap house reinforcing how imperative it is to have it raised when entering and leaving the trap house.
6. Trappers are to be instructed on how to turn off and make the trap safe before reloading in the case of automatic hopper fed traps. Then how to safely load the trap and then safely reactivate the trap when leaving the trap house. Always follow safe lifting practices – bend knees, maintain straight back and avoiding twisting.
7. In the case of manual loaded traps, trappers are to be instructed on how to turn off and make the trap safe and then on activating the trap, the safe loading of the throwing arm during operation with preference to using the left hand.

_____ **CLAY TARGET CLUB Inc.**

TRAPPER TRAINING REGISTER

The following acknowledge that they have received training in the correct use of clay target traps and have been issued with / have available ear and eye protection.

DATE	NAME OF TRAPPER	SIGNATURE	TRAINER	SIGNATURE

SACTA recommends that a safety sign with the following wording printed in red is placed in each trap house.

***STOP
SWITCH OFF TRAP
RAISE FLAG & WAIT FOR ALL CLEAR***