



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:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The use and wearing of PPE, safety glasses for eye protection and safety ear plugs/earmuffs for hearing protection by trappers is always required when undertaking trapper duties. If trappers are unable to provide this equipment, the club or facility shall make the equipment available to trappers. If PPE is provided by club or facility, the trapper must use or wear it in accordance with the information and instruction and training provided.

Manual Handling Safety

Trappers are to be instructed in the safety 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 mandatory 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 check visually for personnel in the vicinity of the released target path prior to release of the target 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 lifting technique: Assess the load; what is the best method to move the load? Do you need someone to assist? Can it be divided into smaller loads? and make sure the pathway is clear. Followed by how to lift safely: keep spine in neutral position; keep a wide base of support; ensure you are balanced; bend at your knees and hips; brace your abdominal muscles; keep the object close to you; push up with your legs; and avoid 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

BE AWARE: No-one should enter the target area unless the trapper has disarmed the trap and raised the red flag

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

***STOP
SWITCH OFF TRAP – VISUALLY CHECK LINE OF FLIGHT
RAISE FLAG & WAIT FOR ALL CLEAR***

REFERENCE:

Safe Work Australia – How to manage work health & safety risks – Code of Practice

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