

RISK ASSESSMENT

Title	Body Cam						
Descriptor	The Body cam is a personal video camera which is fitted to a harness and worn over body armour. Grampian Police are trialling the Body Cam to evaluate its performance and potential use in providing evidence.					Ref No:	
Site	Aberdeen Division GED			Division	Aberdeen		
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Reference	Identify Hazard & who may be Harmed	Controls in Place (Consider Effectiveness – Residual Risk)	Current Risk Rating			Reduce Risk Y/N	Further Controls Required (Action Plan) (Include Action Plan Owner / Barriers to Completion / Effectiveness of Action Plan / Risk Escalation to ? (state who & date))
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1	Potential of assault/injury or death from: Ballistic attack Edged weapon attack Non-Edged weapon attack Blunt Trauma attack Animal attack Potential of injury/death from involvement in; Road Traffic Collision Role related	Ongoing monitoring / analysis of statistical data in relation to assaults/ injuries on officers.	Unlikely	Severe	Moderate	Yes	OST to upto date.
2	Individual Officer wearing the Body Cam, ill fitting and non compatible with issued body armour.	Camera is fitted into a purpose made harness which is adjustable. This is then worn over the top of issued body armour.	Unlikely	Medium	Minor	Yes	Body armour is worn as per Officer Safety Policy. Due to the composition of the Body Cam harness, supervisors are to ensure that correct fitting and adjustments are made prior to deployment. As the harness has limited expansion, the selection of a wearer may be influenced by this limitation.

3	Wearing issued body armour incorrectly Selective wearing due to body armour being uncomfortable to wear/ poor fitting, restricting flexibility and movement. Failure to appreciate perceived threat	Officer Safety Policy details policy on wearing of body armour. Accurate measurement and fitting (crucial to the comfort and effectiveness of body armour) service provided by 'competent' Procurement staff (support provided by supplier).	Possible	Medium	Acceptable	Yes	Personal body armour to be fitted and worn correctly.
4	Loose cabling and wires protruding from the harness, potential grab points	All cables and wires are to be secured using the pockets and Velcro fasteners	Unlikely	Medium	Acceptable		The cables from the camera located on the shoulder have minimal exposure, the power cables from the battery pack are also slightly exposed, these should be tucked into the pockets provided and taped over if necessary
5	Post incident damage / wear & tear / failure of issued equipment and body armour reducing performance	Recording of issue and return of equipment	Possible	Severe	Serious		A full debrief on the equipment and its performance will be required as soon as possible.

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Date:

H&S RISK MATRIX

UNIVERSAL RISK CRITERIA Severity x Likelihood Risk Criterion e.g. High x Possible = Moderate		LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE			
SEVERITY OF CONSEQUENCE Most predictable consequence if the event was to occur		UNLIKELY Occurrence close to zero	POSSIBLE Tend or inclined to occur	LIKELY Strong possibly that this could occur	ALMOST CERTAIN Most definitely will happen – (not if but when)
LOW	Minor injury or work absence	MINOR	MINOR	ACCEPTABLE	MODERATE
MEDIUM	Over 3 – Day Injury	MINOR	ACCEPTABLE	MODERATE	SERIOUS
HIGH	Major Injury (RIDDOR Reportable) or numerous casualties	ACCEPTABLE	MODERATE	SERIOUS	MAJOR
SEVERE	Death or multiple casualties	MODERATE	SERIOUS	MAJOR	MAJOR

Actions to be taken following the Risk Assessment

NEGLIGIBLE	This represents an insignificant risk and no additional controls are required
ACCEPTABLE	This represents a low risk, although existing control measures must be maintained
MODERATE	Further action may be required, task may continue if all controls are in place and deemed effective
SERIOUS	Action required to reduce the risk, interim measures may be necessary in the short term – Escalate risk to senior level
MAJOR	Action required urgently to control the risk - Task may not proceed until the risk is reduced – Escalate risk to senior level

