



SWI: Spotighting Checklist & Work Practice

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Safe Work Instructions & brief on night's activity		Torch per person
Shooting frame secure, spotlights operational (spare spotlight & globes)		Water, soap, disinfectant, gloves, scales, tape measure, knife
Firearm sighted in with ammunition in use		Data collection sheets
GPS & maps		First Aid kit
UHF 5w Radio(s) operative		Recovery gear & shovel

Spotighting Safe Work Practice

Rationale: To minimise the risk from fatigue related injuries and ensure the least likely injury in the event of an accident.

- 1) Only an experienced driver is to drive. Accredited 4wd course required for driving government vehicles.
- 2) Be aware of weather conditions for the evening, if unsuitable such as high winds, lightning strikes, etc. consider not proceeding with the evening's activity or commence once conditions are suitable.
- 3) Maximum vehicle speed of 20 km/hr when spotighting; 40km/hr when in transit with people on the back of the vehicle.
- 4) The driver is in command subject to safety directions of spotlighter.
- 5) Driver or assistant to be familiar with Route/Area/Terrain to ensure safe driving and shooting.
- 6) A maximum of eight (8) hours driving time per night with at least three breaks, try to rotate tasks.
- 7) Vehicles are to be kept on roads and tracks (where possible).
- 8) Only spotlight tracks that have previously been driven in daylight (where possible).
- 9) All participants to look out for obstacles and hazards such as low hanging branches, wash-outs in tracks, etc. and make the driver and other participants aware, taking the necessary corrective action.
- 10) No unrestrained equipment is to be kept on the ute/tray of the vehicle.
- 11) When spotighting from the ute/tray, up to three people are permitted to ride on the back of the vehicle at any time. However, only one firearm can be used.
- 12) Only accredited persons are to use firearms.
- 13) Spotlights should be turned off or pointed away once houses, camps or vehicles are detected.
- 14) Awareness and actions to prevent accidental discharge: Firearm is only to have a round chambered once a target animal has been acquired, the vehicle has stopped and the firearm is pointed at the animal. At all other times the firearm is to have an empty chamber.
- 15) Spotlighter to "PROVE" firearm has been cleared and to be chamber empty after every load or load and fire, as well as before personnel embark or disembark a vehicle.
 - **Point** the firearm in a safe direction.
 - **Remove** round from chamber.
 - **Observe** the chamber is empty.
 - **Verify** the feeding path is clear.
 - **Examine** the bore is clear.
- 16) Adequate rest must be taken during the day.
- 17) Allow sufficient time prior to shoot for preparation of vehicles and equipment, and after the shoot for rest and packing up.

Vehicle:		Rego:	
C&WM Member No.	Name	Signed	Date