

Nature Risk Incident Categories

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1. Habitat Damage and Disturbance

Definition: Any activity that damages, degrades, fragments, or alters natural habitats, vegetation, soils, or ecological features.

Examples:

- Trampling of vegetation by crews.
- Soil compaction from vehicle movements.
- Damage to wetlands, dunes, heathland, woodland, or grassland.
- Clearance of vegetation for filming access.
- Damage to trees, hedgerows, or protected habitats.

2. Wildlife Disturbance

Definition: Activities that disturb, displace, injure, or otherwise negatively affect wildlife and protected species.

Examples:

- Disturbance of nesting, breeding, feeding, or resting animals.
- Drone operations affecting birds or bats.
- Disruption of migration routes.
- Physical injury to wildlife from production activities.
- Disturbance of protected or priority species.

3. Environmental Pollution and Contamination

Definition: Release of substances or materials that may impact land, water, air quality, habitats, or species.

Examples:

- Fuel spills.
- Chemical leaks.
- Wastewater discharge.
- Smoke, Fumes and Odours
- Contaminated run-off entering watercourses.

4. Light Pollution

Definition: Artificial lighting causing disruption to wildlife, habitats, or ecological processes.

Examples:

- Night filming affecting bats.
- Floodlights near nesting birds.
- Illumination of rivers and waterbodies.
- Excessive overnight lighting.
- Skyglow affecting nocturnal species.

5. Noise and Vibration Impacts

Definition: Noise or vibration generated by production activities causing disturbance to wildlife, communities, or sensitive receptors.

Examples:

- Generators operating near wildlife habitats.
- Special effects or pyrotechnics.
- Helicopters and drones.
- Repeated vehicle movements.
- Amplified sound systems.

6. Waste Management and Littering

Definition: Failure to properly manage waste resulting in pollution, habitat degradation, or wildlife impacts.

Examples:

- Abandoned waste.
- Food waste attracting pests.
- Incorrect segregation of waste streams.
- Fly-tipping by contractors.
- Plastics entering watercourses.

7. Protected Sites, Species and Conservation Designations

Definition: Activities impacting designated conservation areas, legally protected habitats, or protected species.

Examples:

- Activities within SSSI, SAC, SPA, Ramsar or National Nature Reserve sites.
- Disturbance of protected species.
- Non-compliance with environmental permits or consents.
- Failure to implement ecological constraints.

8. Third Parties and Supply Chain Environmental Impacts

Definition: Environmental impacts caused by contractors, suppliers, studios, vehicle providers, or other third parties working on behalf of productions.

Examples:

- Contractor fuel spill.
- Waste management failures.
- Habitat damage by security or transport providers.
- Supplier non-compliance with environmental requirements.
- Inadequate environmental controls at hired facilities.

9. Regulatory and Permit Non-Compliance

Definition: Non-compliance with environmental legislation, licence conditions, ecological constraints, or permitting requirements.

Examples:

- Operating in protected sites without consent.
- Breaching filming conditions.
- Failure to obtain ecological permits.
- Non-compliance with local authority restrictions.
- Failure to implement required mitigation measures.

10. Other Nature-Related Incident

Definition: Any nature or biodiversity-related incident that does not fit within the categories above.