



## **SAGL Control of Lead Policy Statement**

### **Introduction**

The current Control of Lead at Work Regulations (CLAW) are relevant to our shooting activities, carried out at various venues, as metallic Lead is used in the manufacture of the pellets we shoot.

Lead, in all forms, can present a health risk to individuals and is a cumulative toxin.

With regard to the use of Lead, when Bell Target Shooting, individuals can be exposed if they;

- Inhale lead dust
- or
- Ingest lead

**Lead, in pellet form, is not absorbed through the skin.** Therefore, handling Lead Pellets alone does not present a risk in that respect. However, the following is applicable;

- Ingestion of Lead can occur if you eat, drink, smoke, or bite your nails without washing your hands after handling Lead.
- Inhalation of Lead can occur when vigorously cleaning out the Bell Target, creating dust, when removing the spent lead pellets.

Our exposure to Lead, when Bell Target Shooting, is considered **not to be significant** with respect to CLAW. Although this exposure is considered “not significant”, it is still advisable to apply controls to further reduce the risk.

### **Control Measures**

- Wash your hands after handling lead.
- Remove spent lead from the Bell Target carefully & frequently to minimize the creation of dust to a “waste Lead storage container”, ready for safe and eco acceptable disposal.
- After every match ensure all shot lead pellets on the floor of the venue are cleaned up and placed in a “waste lead storage container”.

### **SAGL Core Principles**

1. Lead pellets should only be used if there are no suitable alternatives.
2. Regardless of Lead exposure being considered not significant, the control measures, detailed above, must be adopted by all SAGL members as appropriate risk reduction methods.
3. Lead pellet waste must be disposed of through a Safe/Eco friendly disposal route and not via a general domestic kerb-side waste stream.

### **Disposal of Waste Lead**

The WCC Burton Farm Waste Recycling Centre, Stratford upon Avon, does not currently provide a separate Metallic Lead waste recycling bin. However, they do provide a “Scrap Metal” bin for mixed metal waste. Metallic Lead is not detailed on either the Restricted or Not Accepted lists of waste for this site and can be disposed of via the “Scrap Metal / Mixed metal waste” bin.

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed regularly or when any legal requirements change.