

WCS Tube Trap

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE PESTS ACT 1954 MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE ANY TRAPPING IS UNDERTAKEN.
THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT 2006 MUST ALSO BE CONSULTED. THE BASC CODE OF PRACTICE 'TRAPPING PEST MAMMALS' MUST ALSO BE OBSERVED.**

SETTING THE WCS TUBE TRAP

WARNING- BEFORE PICKING UP AND HANDLING A TRAP ALWAYS CHECK IT IS NOT SET.

- Place the trap on a flat piece of ground with the trigger mechanism on the ground facing away from you and push the safety catch and the trigger away from you.
- Place the palms of your hands on the top of the Tube Trap and put your thumbs on the corners of the double torsion spring.
- Check that the safety catch and trigger catch are away from you and then push the spring bar down to the trigger mechanism.
- Hold the spring bar down and flick the safety catch towards-you to engage onto the bar.
- If you relax your grip the spring bar will rise slightly but cannot spring back because it is held by the safety catch.

- Taking care not to disengage the safety push the spring bar down again and then, using your forefinger, lift the trigger catch over the spring bar down and engage it below the trigger plate (rear of floor pan).
- Adjust the trigger catch so that it is as close to the edge of the trigger as possible: This makes for a 'fine' set, needing little weight on the trigger floor pan to set off the trap. When achieved the floor pan will be level with, or slightly lower than, the killing bars inside the tube.
- Place the trap in position and secure it to the ground using the holes in the ends of the tube. Traps need to be stable. Animals are reluctant to enter unstable traps. Camouflage it using local materials and where necessary reduce the openings to make entry specific for your intended target species. Finally remove the safety catch.
- Success

It is illegal to release captured grey squirrels and mink back into the wild in the UK. Either species captured alive in a cage-trap has to be shot whilst in the trap, or removed from the cage-trap and humanely dispatched, not an easy task for the untrained. Drowning is no longer a legal option. The WCS Tube Trap removes this problem by immediately and humanely dispatching its catch.

