Bolton Council

Risk Assessment

Task/Activity: DS07 Maintenance of tools and machinery.	Date assessment completed: 26/06/25	Review Date: 27/06/27
Brief Details of Task/Activity: General maintenance of tools, equipment and machinery on site or in the depot.	Assessment completed by: Mark Treen	Signature: M. Treen

What are the hazards? e.g. slip/trip hazards, electricity, manual handling, work equipment	Who might be harmed and how? e.g. staff, service users, visitors etc and likely injury e.g. bruises, muscle strain, fracture, poisoning etc	What are you already doing to control the hazard?	What further action or additional controls are required (if necessary)	Risk rating (after control measures)	Action by who	Action by when	Date completed
Mechanical equipment with moving parts.	Employees Crush injuries to hands / fingers, cuts, bruises.	Experienced operatives only to maintain equipment. Suitable PPE to be worn at all times[see PPE list 1]	Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			
Cleaning solutions/lubricants solvents	Employees Skin conditions, dermatitis	Experienced operatives only to maintain equipment. Suitable PPE to be worn at all times[see PPE list 1] Nitrile gloves, barrier creams and eye wash solution available if necessary Flammable liquid hazard signage inside and outside workshop areas	Flammable liquid hazard signage inside and outside workshop areas Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			
Lead/Acid Batteries	Employees Explosion, acid burns	Experienced operatives only to maintain equipment. Suitable PPE to be worn at all times[see PPE list 1] Nitrile gloves, barrier creams and eye wash solution available if necessary	Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			

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Flammable, toxic, harmful corrosive and irritant substances	Employees. Burns, dermatitis, asthma, poisoning.	 Operatives to have a safe working area, and edequate training - competent persons only to use hazardous substances. No hazardous materials to be stored on site without agreement and safety precautions in place. Substances to be stored in correct containers, locked up in a vented area at ground level. Refer to C.O.S.H.H. and safety data sheets for each material. Correct P.P.E To be worn. (SEE PPE LIST 1) Complete daily record sheets and regularly monitor quantity and type of any hazardous materials stored on site. Operatives to have personal first aid kit on site which is up to date and replenished as necessary. Eyewash available on all sites replenished as necessary. Flammable liquid hazard signage inside and outside workshop areas 	Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			

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Airborne particles (dust, fumes, inhalation.)	etc Employees and the public. Allergic reactions, Suffocation, Respiratory illnesses and asthma, other breathing problems.	Adequate ventilation when using hazardous substances. Warning information to be read and understood on chemicals.Dust suppression equipment / water kits fitted and used at all times.Refer to relevant COSHH and safety data sheets.Face Fit testing undertaken for all operatives.Operatives to have personal first aid kit on site which is up to date and replenished as necessary.Correct training.Suitable P.P.E to be worn at all times. (SEE PPE LIST 1)All faults are to be reported immediately and machinery replaced/repaired as necessary.Vary work to avoid over exposure. Rotate operatives using machinery.See Silca Dust Risk Assessment RA04	Ensure operatives training and Face Fitting is up to date. Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary	E			

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Naked flames	Employees. Explosions, Burns, Fatalities,	Suitable P.P.E to be worn at all times. (SEE PPE LIST 1) Fire site inspections. Operatives to undertake Fire Awareness training. Correct fire extinguisher on site. Evacuation procedures in place Operatives to have personal first aid kit on site which is up to date and replenished as necessary.	Maintain fire awareness training – refresher every three years Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			
Spillages	Employees. Slips, trips, falls. Burns, Dermatitis and skin irritations.	Spillages to be removed and dealt with by trained operative immediately. Spill kits on site when needed. Suitable P.P.E to be worn at all times. (SEE PPE LIST 1)	Regular monitoring of substances being stored. Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			
Exhaust fumes/hot exhaust	Employee Respiratory problems, burns	Ensure plant is serviced at recommended intervals by competent persons Operatives to wear correct PPE (SEE PPE LIST 1). Any machinery producing excessive smoke and or fumes to be removed from service and repaired as necessary. Identify and avoid touching hot exhaust	Any machinery producing excessive smoke and or fumes to be removed from service and repaired as necessary. Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			

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Manual handling - size, weight and shape of equipment	Employees Musculoskeletal injuries particularly to back and arms, shoulders and hands	Operatives to have Manual Handling training (SEE MANUAL HANDLING GUIDANCE LIST 1 and manual handling risk assessment RA05] Use techniques to ease strain on back and shoulders, mechanical lifting aids if necessary. Operatives to wear correct PPE (SEE PPE LIST 1).	Maintain manual handling training every three years. Ensure mechanical lifting equipment is working prior to commencement of shift.	D			
Over exposure to vibration, e.g. ensure rest breaks are taken and do not exceed maximum operating times as tagged on machinery.	Employees. Whole body vibration injuries (physical and neurological). Musculoskeletal problems.	Vibration levels assessed on individual items of machinery. (SEE HAVS VALUES LIST 1 and Vibration risk assessment RA01) Vary work types when possible to reduce repetitiveness. operatives to follow correct HAVS arrangements. (SEE HAVS VALUES LIST 1) Operatives to wear correct PPE[see PPE list 1] Monitor operative vibration exposure levels and annual assessment via OHU Daily safety checks carried out by the user on machinery and all faults are to be reported immediately and replaced/repaired as necessary.	Maintain operative/supervisor training. Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	E			

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Manual handling, bending, twisting and lifting.	Employees Musculoskeletal injuries, sprains, strains.	Operatives to have Manual Handling training (SEE MANUAL HANDLING GUIDANCE LIST 1 and manual handling risk asessment) Suitable P.P.E to be worn at all times. (SEE PPE LIST 1)	Maintain manual handling training every three years Ensure PPE is being worn as advised and replace as necessary.	D			

	CATEGORIES OF LIKELIHOOD
Highly Likely	Expected to happen/reoccur, possibly frequently.
Possible	Might happen/reoccur at some time depends on circumstances.
Unlikely	Not expected to happen/reoccur but possible in certain circumstances.
Very Unlikely	Would only occur in very exceptional circumstances.

	RISK RATING					
	Highly Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Very Unlikely		
Catastrophic	А	А	В	E		
Major	A	В	С	Е		
Significant	В	С	D	E		
Minor	С	D	E	E		
Negligible	E	Е	E	E		

CATE	GORIES OF CONSEQUENCE SEVERITY
Catastrophic	Incident could result in one or more fatalities.
Major	Major injury resulting in incapacity, hospitalisation >24 hours.
Significant	Injury requires attention of a Doctor or Hospital treatment or hospitalisation <24 hours.
Minor	Small cut, bruise, abrasion, basic first aid treatment provided.
Negligible	Some discomfort, self help. No treatment required.

	RISK CLASSIFICATIONS
Α	Unacceptable risk, requires immediate attention. Work <u>should not be started or continued</u> until the level of risk has been reduced.
В	High risk, requires immediate attention. Control measures must be identified and put into place as soon as possible.
С	Medium risk, requires attention as soon as possible. The risk should be only be tolerated in the short term and only when further control measures are being planned and introduced, Timescales must be short.
D	Low risks, confirm that there are no low/no cost solutions which may eliminate/ reduce the risk further.
Е	Trivial risk, no further action required but review at regular intervals to ensure controls remain effective.