

Site Address
Site Risk Assessment Form
RA Ref No:

Assessor	Job Title	Assessment Date	Review Dates / Initials	
<<Name>>	<<e.g. Foreman>>	<<Date>>	<<Dates>>	<<Initials>>

Assessment task:	Tree surgery works
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Persons at risk	Details	Frequency	Are any disabled?	Comments
Contractors	<<e.g. all operatives>>	<<e.g. approx 1 hour/day>>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<<e.g. manually unloading lorry containing 25kg bags of cement and placing in site store 10m away>>
Visitors			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Gen. Public / Others	<< e.g. others in the area>>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Hz No.	Hazard description	How are persons affected?	Level of Risk			Existing controls	Further controls / action
			P	S	R		
1	Cuts and abrasions	e.g. Operatives can suffer cuts to their fingers or hands from plant thorns, or from using cutting or trimming tools	<<e.g. 4>>	<<e.g. 3>>	<<e.g. 12>>	<<e.g. All operatives to wear gloves if practicable>>	<<e.g. All operatives to be given Toolbox Talks on general safety>>
2	Fall from heights	e.g. Operatives can suffer serious injuries if they fall while accessing high areas	<<e.g. 4>>	<<e.g. 5>>	<<e.g. 20>>	<<e.g. Site supervisor to ensure that only qualified personnel carry out work at heights. All works to be carried out using appropriate harnesses. Operatives to be harness trained>>	<<e.g. Site supervisor to ensure that suitable access /working platforms are available if appropriate>>
3	Manual handling	e.g. Pulling branches while clambering about in trees may result in muscle strain	<<e.g. 4>>	<<e.g. 3>>	<<e.g. 12>>	<<e.g. Operatives to cut and remove branches as per their training>>	<<e.g. Operatives to attend Manual Handling course>>
4	Using power tools ■ chain saws	e.g. Operatives may suffer serious cuts or burns from contact with chainsaw blades	<<e.g. 4>>	<<e.g. 4>>	<<e.g. 16>>	<<e.g. Site supervisor to ensure that only qualified personnel use chainsaws>>	<<e.g. Operatives to ensure that they are competent to use the equipment>>

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5	Flying debris ■ eye damage	E.g. Operatives will be injured if they are struck by flying debris or dust etc	<<e.g.4>>	<<e.g.4>>	<<e.g.16>>	<<Operatives to wear suitable eye protection at all times >>	<< Site supervisor to ensure that all protocols are followed>>
	Falling objects	E.g. Passers by can be injured if they area struck by branches dropped or falling	<<e.g.4>>	<<e.g.4>>	<<e.g.16>>	<<Operatives to take care where cut branches are dropped >>	<< Site supervisor to ensure that working area is kept clear of non essential personnel>>

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