

Spot Weeding

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Document no. SMS-06-SW-0799	Work description Spot Weeding		
	Scope Removing weeds on all RailCorp Stations		
Review date 04/05/13	References SMS-06-GD-0001 Guide to Manual Handling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 9 Employer to identify hazards • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 10 Employer to assess risks • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 11 Employer to eliminate or Control Risk • Manual Handling Risk Assessment – Spot Weeding 4 August 2007 		
Responsible supervisor Line Manager	PPE and precautions Leather Gloves High Visibility Vest (on platforms)	Competencies or qualifications N/A	Licences or permits required N/A
Tools and equipment required Waste receptacle, broom and scoop, long handled scraper			
If control measures are not suitable and major changes are needed, conduct a risk assessment and develop new controls according to SMS-06-PR-0104 WORKPLACE RISK MANAGEMENT .			

Warning

Be aware of sharps that could be hidden in areas out of sight. Refer to SWI for handling sharps



Do not complete this task at night or under conditions with limited visibility

When working on the platforms wear a high visibility vest. Do not encroach the danger zone.

When removing weeds near the yellow line or near danger zones arrange for a second person to act as a lookout.

Note	Do not undertake task for long periods of time where prolonged crouching position and bending is required. Vary with other tasks.
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Preparation	Collect cleaning equipment from store Visually check the area for any hazards and sharps and dispose according to the SWI for handling sharps
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Spot weeding	Option 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wear the leather gloves at all times ▪ Scrape the weed off the surface with the long handled scraper ▪ Sweep the weeds into scoop as required ▪ Dispose of weeds into a waste receptacle Option 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wear the leather gloves at all times ▪ Remove the weeds with your hand ▪ Bend hips and knees to half kneel or semi squat position ▪ Alternate between left and right hands ▪ Sweep the weeds into scoop as required ▪ Dispose of weeds into a waste receptacle
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