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Risk assessment ref: RA008

Task description: Cleaning windows by traditional method from ground

General activities included: Cleaning windows by traditional method with applicator, squeegee & scrim/ chamois.

Site name:	GENERIC	Assessment carried out by:	J GOODE
Date assessment was carried out:	10.03.2026 (JG)	Date of next review:	01.04.2027
Corresponding method statements	MS025 Cleaning windows using traditional method		

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed? (Staff, visitors, general public)	What are the risks?	Are the following control measures in place to eliminate or reduce the risks?	Yes/ No/ N/A	PPE required?	Corrective actions / required observations. What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Risk evaluation (1 – 5, 5 = high)			Risk rating (Low, Med, High)
							Impact (1-5)	Probability (1-5)	Overall risk (C X L)	
Slips, trips and falls	Staff & visitors	Could suffer injury such as Sprains & fractures from tripping or falling, or slipping over on; Wet floors, uneven flooring and obstructions, drains or icy pavements during winter months.	1 Work areas to be kept clear from obstructions 2 Any spillages to be cleaned up immediately 3 Warning signs to be erected where cleaning activity is taking place (trailing hoses) or floors are wet. 5 Defects to floor paving/ drain covers to be reported	Yes	Toe protector footwear with good grip	N/A	2	1	2	Low
Muscular skeletal disorders (MSD)	Staff	Could suffer with back pain or work-related upper body disorder due to; 1 Using incorrect handling techniques of equipment 2 Overreaching/ stretching 3 Repetitive movement Could suffer injury from overstretching/ reaching beyond means.	1 A risk assessment must be completed when lifting heavy or bulky loads that present a risk of injury. 2 All equipment/ loads movement which exceed 10kg must be carried out as "two man". (A standard 5 litre bucket of water or Henry vacuum cleaner weighs 5kg)	Yes	Toe protector footwear	See manual handling risk assessment guidance and training	2	1	2	Low



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		New and expectant mothers may be more susceptible to injury.	Training in lifting techniques & movement must be provided to all staff.							
Use of chemicals	Staff	Could cause ill health such as skin irritation due to the hazardous substance or through over regular wet work), urticaria (a skin condition caused by irritation or an allergic reaction)	All cleaning chemicals used on site must have an accompanying COSHH assessment, and a Material Safety Data Sheet. COSHH assessments accurately reflect the use and handling of the relevant substance on site. Suitable PPE will be provided where it is identified as being required.	Yes	Nitrile gloves	See COSHH assessments for advice for each product	2	1	2	Low
Sharps	Staff	Potential of cuts/ puncture wounds from contact with sharp objects i.e broken glass, edges of windowsills	Sharps policy in place, included in induction training.	Yes	N/A	N/A	2	1	2	Low
Lone working	Staff	Staff could suffer injury or ill health whilst alone in working area.	Lone working risk assessment carried out with lone workers. Staff carry mobile phones with them or have access to phone to call for assistance.	Yes	N/A	Lone worker risk assessment questionnaire carried out with lone working staff members	3	1	3	Low
Outdoor working	Staff	Staff are exposed to the weather elements such as hot weather and sun exposure which can cause blistering or potential of skin irritation or cancer.	Access to drinking water available Staff are advised to wear a high SPF suncream	Yes	Sun hat with visor		2	1	2	Low
Moving vehicles using work area	Staff	Staff could be working next to moving vehicles (car parks) where there is risk of injury from being struck by vehicle.	Area to be cordoned off (using cones and high visibility tape). Staff must not be using mobile phones or earphones when working by roadsides	Yes	High visibility clothing		3	1	3	Low

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Bird faeces	Staff	Possible ill health such as Psittacosis which is a rare infectious disease caused by a bacterium called Chlamydia psittaci as a result from breathing in contaminated bird faeces dust or droplets.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work to be trained to written method statement on safe removal of bird faeces or nests. 2. Area to be well ventilated. 3. Area to be wetted down to reduce dust release. 4. PPE to be worn 5. Staff should practise good hand washing practise following task completion. 	Yes	Dust masks Nitrile gloves	Staff with weakened immune systems should not work in these areas	4	1	4	Med

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