



## Generic Risk Assessment

## General Conservation Activities

Activity	General Conservation Activities	Location
Date of Generic assessment	Date of local revisions	Other GRAs relevant
<b>Common hazards or hazardous events:</b> Physical hazards Gas equipment Slips, trips and falls Manual handling Contact with hand tools Attack by members of public Contact with underground or overhead services Contact with traffic	Health hazards Contact with micro organisms such as tetanus, Leptospirosis Contact with plant sap Weather conditions	<b>Local or site specific hazards:</b>
typical uncontrolled outcomes* Minor cuts and bruises; burns; lower back pain; verbal abuse; electric shock; contracting disease; blisters; sunburn	Typical groups at risk* Volunteers; workers; members of the public	

Current risk control measures	In place	Local/further risk control measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/ Site gas and equipment on level ground and away from sources of combustion.</li> <li>/ Keep site and materials tidy.</li> <li>/ Slips, trips and falls. Plan route to work area avoiding STF hazards where possible. Plan access around work area removing or reducing STF hazards from access routes.</li> <li>/ Plan any lifting, train in simple lifting procedures and provide carrying aids e.g. wheelbarrow.</li> <li>/ Use and maintain tools and equipment.</li> <li>/ Sturdy footwear must be worn.</li> <li>/ Leave no one isolated on site.</li> <li>/ Wash hands before eating, drinking and smoking.</li> <li>/ Protect any cuts, advise all workers to ensure tetanus inoculation. Avoid contact with stream or pond water</li> <li>/ Inform workers of more common diseases that they may be exposed to, their signs and symptoms and what to do if they feel unwell.</li> <li>/ Wear long sleeves when working close to hazardous plants. Identify any on site; wash exposed skin thoroughly after work.</li> <li>/ Check weather forecast before arriving on site and review risks according to forecast. If extreme weather is forecast cancel project. Advise workers to keep skin covered, and use high factor sun cream on exposed skin. Stop work when weather conditions deteriorate.</li> <li>/ Check for underground services as part of site inspection, mark and avoid. Use hand tools for digging within 1m of services, do not use crowbars.</li> <li>/ Park vehicle to unload away from traffic. Use barrier where appropriate. Longer roadside working to follow legislative requirements. Post lookout to slow traffic whilst vehicles are manoeuvring.</li> <li>/ Park vehicle to enable quick access and departure in case of emergency.</li> <li>/ Clear site of debris and hazardous litter particularly around cutting area.</li> <li>/ All projects involving children or vulnerable adults must control risks of abuse. Avoid any working in pairs away from the group that includes at least one vulnerable person. Report any concerns to authorities immediately.</li> </ul>		
Is lone working expected?		Are any special groups at risk?
Is heavy, sustained or repetitive manual handling involved?		First aid cover***
PPE needed / Safety boots / Safety Wellingtons / Goggles / Leather gloves / PVC rubber gloves / Hard hat / Ear defenders / Dust mask / Other (please specify)		
Form completed by		Approved by (if appropriate)
Position		Position

Death; Major injury; Moderate injury; Property damage; Serious ill-health. \*\*Staff; Volunteers; Trainees; Young workers; visitors/public; pregnant workers

\*\*\*Based on typical uncontrolled outcome. If death or major, minimum 1 FAW needed; if moderate but site is remote, minimum 1 FAW; all other sites require Emergency.