



Risk assessment for : Coulsdon Home Hardware Ltd














Risk assessment name	Structural Steelwork Erection	Assessment type	 General
Assessor name	Simon Harris	Affected site(s)	Signature Homes Ltd (CR5 2RA)
Assessment date	20/02/2020	Review period	Annually
Approved by	Simon Harris	Review date	20/02/2021
Approved date	20/02/2020	Reference	STEEL - 001












Workspace(s)	Description
 Outside Area	This Risk Assessment is an example only and must be reviewed/amended to suit your own business practices and working environment.

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 <p>Abrasive Grinding Wheel Contact with abrasive wheel, wheel Breakage, bursting of disk or dust inhalation from component being ground.</p>	<p>Contractors, Operators</p> <p>How Many? 0</p> <p>How? Grinding can cause injury through eye injuries from shrapnel, loss of limbs and entanglement injuries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="801 220 1339 359">  <p>110v electric tools used 110v electric tools used to reduce the severity in the event of electrocution.</p> <li data-bbox="801 391 1883 635">  <p>Abrasive wheels training All operators of abrasive grinding wheels have received 'Abrasive Wheel Awareness' Training and refreshment training Equipment is visually inspected prior to use, maintained in a fit and suitable condition Wheels are stored in a dry location All grinders are fitted with half guards, must be maintained and secured in place Safe working practices to be adhered to i.e. Angle grinder moved away from the body when not in use.</p> <li data-bbox="801 667 1301 754">  <p>All operatives follow the safe system of work</p> <li data-bbox="801 834 1339 1018">  <p>Correct Storage of Abrasive Wheel Correct Storage of Abrasive Wheel to ensure they are suitable for the job.</p> <li data-bbox="801 1042 1339 1153">  <p>Face Guard Must be Worn Face Guard Must be Worn at all times whilst using a angle grinder.</p> <li data-bbox="801 1185 1301 1289">  <p>Protective Screens Provided Protective Screens used wherever possible.</p> <li data-bbox="1361 667 1877 810">  <p>Correct equipment is used Ensure that the correct size grinder is selected for the work required and the correct disks.</p> <li data-bbox="1361 834 1883 946">  <p>Ear protection required Hearing protection required due to noise being in excess of 80dB</p> <li data-bbox="1361 1042 1832 1137">  <p>PPE to be worn PPE to be worn at all times.</p> 	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>
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 <p>Adverse Weather Caution - lightning strikes, high winds/heavy rain, snow and ice.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Management, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? Adverse weather can cause illness like pneumonia or less serious like viruses or injuries including broken bones, dislocations, cuts/bruises or even in the worst case, death.</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Authorised employees are trained in the use of access equipment and fall arrest systems</p> <p>Fall arrest equipment to be worn whenever workers are working at height.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Gritting</p> <p>Clear and grit paths and public walkways during icy inclement weather.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Management workplace audits are carried out on a regular basis and recorded</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Removal of Standing Water</p> <p>Any standing water brushed to foul drains.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Scaffold not used if wind speed exceeds recommended limits</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Sun cream provided</p> <p>Staff are informed of the dangers associated with working in the sun</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Warm clothing provided</p> <p>All staff are provided with suitable clothing to keep them warm and dry</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Weather conditions planned for</p> <p>Weather conditions are considered and planned for. Suitable clothing and equipment is provided (including sun protection)</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Work shall be postponed if weather conditions endanger health or safety</p> </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>











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 <p>Collision with moving vehicles Collision between vehicles or vehicles and pedestrians (contractors/ public etc)</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Management, Members of the public, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? Injuries resulting from collisions from moving vehicles can include, death, broken bones and dislocations.</p>	<p> Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians</p> <p> Pedestrians use pathways provided</p> <p> Warning signage displayed below work activity. Signs notifying pedestrians that moving vehicles will be in the area.</p> <p> Hi Visibility Clothing Must be Worn Hi Visibility Clothing Must be Worn</p> <p> Segregated pedestrians Pedestrian and vehicle routes are marked and physically separated where possible</p>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>
















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 <p>Crushing due to impact/contact through poorly guarded or cordoned off machinery/equipment.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Management, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? If the steelwork somehow managed to fall onto someone then the crushing would cause severe injuries or maximum death</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians whilst lifting is taking place.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Do Not Stand Under Load Do Not Stand Under Load at any times.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Lifting plan / method statement A lifting plan/method statement is supplied for any activities.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Safe Working Signage displayed Signage displaying that lifting is being undertaken.</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  <p>Safety Distances Required Safety Distances Required whilst lifting equipment in process.</p> </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>








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 <p>Drilling into existing services (Electricity, gas etc) Danger of electric shock, gas explosion, gas inhalation.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Operators</p> <p>How? Contact with services may cause, death, electrocution, electric burns</p>	<p> All employees are suitably trained All employees are suitably trained in the working activity.</p> <p> PPE to be Used PPE to be Used</p> <p> Provisions of Written Method Statements Provisions of Written Method Statements</p> <p> Site surveys are undertaken and trial holes dug Site surveys are undertaken and trial holes dug before excavation work commences</p>	<p> Cordon off or isolate the delivery area so that other parties (including members of the public) are not exposed to injury.</p> <p> Provisions of Written Method Statements Provisions of Written Method Statements</p> <p> Site standards assessed before commencement Statutory maintenance on all fixed electrical sources proved by certification to be checked within recommended time frames by competent contractors.</p> <p> The permit to work must establish that power is isolated, earthed and locked off before the work is allowed to commence. The permit to work must establish that power is isolated, earthed and locked off before the work is allowed to commence.</p>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>



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 Falling Objects Falling objects could occur due people being required to work at height	All staff, Members of the public, Operators, visitors How? From items falling from height it could potential cause unconsciousness, and most severely death	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians wherever possible. </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Edge protection used </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Eye protection provided and worn at all times </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Hard hats are worn </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Materials correctly secured Materials correctly secured Chuck guards used at all times </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  PPE worn All allocated PPE to be worn at all times. </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Toe Boards Provided&Used Toe Boards Provided&Used </div> </div>	1 x 5  5 Medium
 Falls from height The potential to fall from height	Contractors, Operators How? After a fall from height many injuries could occur including broken limbs, dislocation and even possibly death.	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  Access equipment inspected by a competent person </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  All access equipment to be used in accordance with the guidance notes </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Do not use a height in storm or strong winds Consult operations manual for limits of use in adverse weather </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Dynamic Risk assessment Dynamic Risk Assessment for each activity undertaken. </div> </div>	1 x 5  5 Medium










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		<p> Ensure suitable working at height equipment is chosen and provided Ladders and stepladders to be used for short duration work only Training in safe working at height Ladders , stepladders or podium steps checked for defects prior to use. Scaffolding erected by fully trained staff.</p> <p> Essential equipment only used when working at height Essential equipment only used when working at height, no excess tools or equipment to be left on working platform.</p> <p> Fall prevention controls are installed i.e. netting Fall prevention controls are installed and used whenever work is in progress.</p> <p> Only employees who have been suitably trained can use the working at height access equipment Only employees who have been suitably trained can use the working at height access equipment i.e. PASMA training for working on a scaffold or IPAF training for working on MEWPS.</p> <p> Exclusion zone created around work at height area</p> <p> Fall protection is used All users are suitable trained and competent in the use</p> <p> Safe systems of work for working at height</p>	









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		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p>Statutory Inspection of Equipment Statutory Inspection of all working at height equipment before use.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p>Work shall be postponed if weather conditions endanger health or safety</p> </div> </div>	













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 <p>Hand Tools Potential burns, sparks, debris, electrical fault etc.</p>	<p>Contractors, Operators</p> <p>How? Hand tools can cause broken bones, eye injuries from shrapnel or cuts to the skin</p>	<p> Clean tools after use</p> <p> Hand Tools Hand dig near buried pipes or cables or use air-powered excavation devices. Use spades and shovels rather than picks and forks, which are more likely to pierce cables; Do not use handheld power tools within 0.5 m of the indicated position of an electricity cable Do not use an excavator to excavate within 0.5 m of a gas pipe Treat all pipes or cables as 'live' unless it is known otherwise. What looks like a rusty pipe may be conduit containing a live cable. Do not break or cut into any service until its identity is certain and it is known that it has been made safe</p> <p> PPE worn Gloves, eye protection worn at all times.</p> <p> Tools are used by authorised staff only</p> <p> Tools fit for purpose All tools provided are assessed to ensure that they are fit for purpose, fit for the environment in which they are to be used and that they are in good working order.</p> <p> Routine inspection of tools Routine inspection of tools to ensure they are suitable for task.</p> <p> Tools Carried Safely Tools Carried Safely</p>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>

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 <p>Manual Handling Back, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Spinal Injuries, Sprains and strains.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, visitors</p> <p>How? Manual handling injuries can range from back injuries to knee, shoulder or neck injuries</p>	<p> A Manual Handling Assessment has been carried out</p> <p> Avoid manual handling operations on uneven ground Where this cannot be avoided, a task specific manual handling risk assessment will be conducted to establish the necessary controls.</p> <p> Individuals have received information, instruction and training in manual handling techniques</p>	<p> All handling equipment is regularly maintained and inspected</p> <p> Dynamic Risk assessment Dynamic Risk Assessment for each activity undertaken.</p> <p> Mechanical aids provided - hoists, sack trucks etc. Mechanical aids provided - hoists, sack trucks etc. These must be used wherever load is too heavy for personal lift.</p>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>










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 <p>Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) Danger of machine overturning and operator becoming trapped.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? Injuries MEWPS can cause are crushing, death from falls from height, entanglement</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Authorised employees are trained in the use of access equipment and fall arrest systems</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Dynamic Risk assessment Dynamic Risk Assessment to be undertaken before use of MEWP</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Fall protection is used All users are suitable trained and competent in the use</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>MEWP on firm level ground The operating area will be firm and level. Stabilisers will be extended before the platform is raised; platforms are not to be left unattended in the raised position.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>PPE to be Used PPE to be Used</p> </div> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Cordon off working area if necessary Cordon off working area if necessary to prevent access to pedestrians whilst MEWP is being used.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Ensure daily pre- start inspection occurs. Any missing , damaged or non functioning components must be re paired prior to operation. Ensure access gates or openings are closed per manufacturers instructions</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Inspection of access equipment prior to use undertaken</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>No work within power line exclusion zone No work within power line exclusion zone at any time!</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Safe Systems In Place Dynamic risk assessment, frequent monitoring and formal procedures available.</p> </div> </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>











Training in the use of the
Structural Steelwork Erection

Work shall be postponed if










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		 Training in the use of the equipment  Work shall be postponed if weather conditions endanger health or safety	
 <p>Power tools Use of equipment for main purpose or if subject to mechanical/electrical malfunction - may cause further harm if used incorrectly.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? People can be effected by electrocution, entanglement, trapping, or potentially loss of limbs</p>	 110v electric tools used 110v electric tools used or battery wherever possible.  Ensure tools are checked for electrical safety by competent person Use battery operated power tools or 110 volt with 30 m Amp RCD Visually check equipment of any defects prior to use Portable electrical appliance checks carried out by competent person  PPE worn Provision of suitable dust/fume/solvent masks that satisfy the criteria as Respiratory protective equipment (Not nuisance dust masks) Any other PPE must also be worn with out any compromises e.g. eye protection must be provided and worn  Selection and use of low vibration tools  Training All users are trained to use power tools.	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>Medium</p>









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 <p>Rigging and slinging Lifting of loads from vehicles, racking, moving using lifting equipment- slings, hoists, lifting equipment. Failure of equipment leading to load falling.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Operators, visitors</p> <p>How? Rigging and slinging can cause various injuries for example, bruises, cuts, dislocations. It can also lead to repetitive strain injury</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;">  All operatives follow the safe system of work </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Cordon of work area as necessary to prevent access to pedestrians </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Dynamic Risk assessment Dynamic Risk Assessment to be done before work begins! </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Ensure daily pre- start inspection occurs. Any missing , damaged or non functioning components must be re paired prior to operation. Ensure manufacturers instructions are adhered to. </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Information, instruction and training given. Information, instruction and training to be provided around the safe practices. </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  PPE worn Employees dealing with a spillage always wear suitable PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) such as impervious gloves of nitrile rubber or PVC to BS EN374 Standard and/or rigger type protective glove, eye protection to BS EN166 Standard, foot protection to BS EN 20345 Standard </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Safe Working Signage displayed </div> <div style="width: 50%;">  Work shall be postponed if weather conditions endanger health or safety </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>










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 <p>Scaffolding Scaffolding erected in work area</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Members of the public, visitors</p> <p>How? Scaffolding may cause injury through, sharp edges coming into contact with workers, collapsing scaffolding falling onto people, items falling from the top of a scaffold.</p>	<p> 1. Scaffolding must not be constructed, without a specific project risk assessment and method statement being prepared.</p> <p> After alteration or adverse weather conditions scaffolds must be inspected by management. Structure over 2m in height must be inspected every seven days and the results entered into form F91 Part 1 Section A</p> <p> All tube and fitting scaffolding structures, are to be erected in line with National Access and Scaffolding Confederation guidance document SG4:00</p> <p> Competent people to inspect scaffolding Scaffolding inspections will be carried out only by those trained and competent to do so</p> <p> Competent scaffolders Erection/dismantling by competent persons or under competent direct control and carried out in accordance with statutory requirements and Codes of Practice, to satisfy design criteria (load, usage, etc.) CITB Scaffold registration scheme provide mechanism for establishing competency of operatives</p> <p> Fall prevention controls are installed i.e. netting</p> <p> PPE to be Used PPE to be Used</p>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>






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		<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p> Scaffold inspection Every 7 days, the scaffold structure will be inspected by a competent person and entered in the appropriate register</p> <p> Scaffold to be placed on firm and level ground The Principal Contractor to ensure that the ground is suitable to carry the weight of the scaffold.</p> <p> Toe Boards Provided&Used Toe Boards Provided&Used</p> <p> Wherever possible scaffolders are to work from minimum of three centralised boards with guardrails in place</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p> Scaffold not used if wind speed exceeds recommended limits</p> <p> The manual handling of heavy scaffold materials should be kept to a minimum by splitting loads and using mechanical aids wherever possible.</p> <p> Tower scaffold tied into structure (3:1 ratio)</p> <p> Work shall be postponed if weather conditions endanger health or safety</p> </div> </div>	








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 <p>Slips, Trips and Falls Caused by items left on the floor, spillages or poor footwear.</p>	<p>All staff, Contractors, visitors</p> <p>How? Slips, trips and falls can cause various injuries to the body including broken bones, loss of consciousness and dislocation of limbs</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p> All aisles and gangways kept clear to avoid slips and trips</p> <p> Daily housekeeping inspections are carried out</p> <p> PPE to be Used Anti slip boots</p> <p> Removal of Standing Water Any standing water brushed to foul drains.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p> All staff are trained in good housekeeping techniques</p> <p> Housekeeping audits carried out</p> <p> Regular workplace/ housekeeping inspections are carried out</p> </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p>  <p>5</p> <p>Medium</p>

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<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Stacking</p> <p>Back or strain injuries could occur due to inadequate stacking of items. If this is too high or items are too heavy or bulky to lift and stack.</p> </div>	<p>All staff, Contractors, Operators</p> <p>How? Stacking can casue injuries if the stack isn't secured properly resulting in items falling off and landing on people. It can also cause manual handling injuries i.e back problems and muscle injuries. The final way stacking can cause injury is through repetitive strain.</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>A Manual Handling Assessment has been carried out</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Individuals have received information, instruction and training in manual handling techniques</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Manual handling procedures in place</p> <p>Proper training in manual handling techniques Undertake a specific manual handling risk assessment for higher risk activities Manual handling techniques reviewed regularly by managers Staff must lift within their physical capability Mechanical aids provided - hoists, sack trucks etc. Two person lifts used for heavier/larger objects as required Ensure safe use of any steps/ladders etc. in use, with appropriate training given in relation to carrying items down ladders and steps</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Specific Manual Handling assessment</p> <p>To be completed.</p> </div> </div> </div>	<p>1 x 5</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: orange;">5</div> <p>Medium</p>

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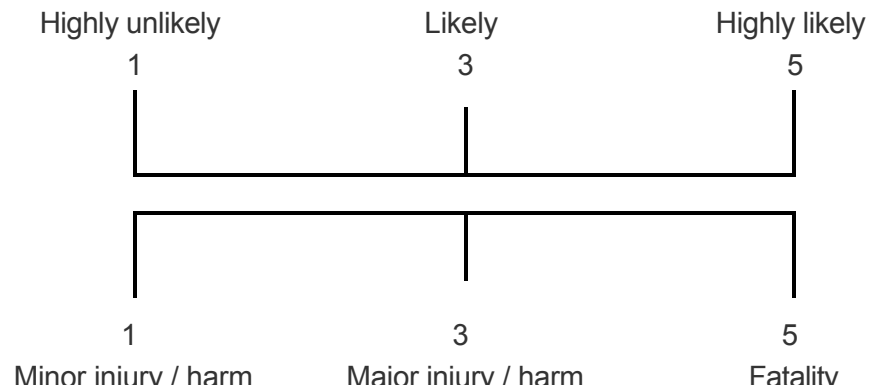
Hazard	Who could be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Risk rating (L x S)
 <p style="text-align: center;">Vibration Excessive vibration Exposure</p>	<p>Contractors, Operators</p> <p>How? Excessive vibration can cause hand arm vibration syndrome or potential or potentially even worse with whole body vibration syndrome.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;">  <p>Gloves should be worn</p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;">  <p>Monitor trigger time Monitor the amount of time that users are being exposed top vibration and limit it wherever possible. See exposure limits within manufacturers instructions.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 48%;">  <p>Routine Maintenance Undertaken Routine Maitenance Undertaken</p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;">  <p>Selection and use of low vibration tools</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 48%;">  <p>Vibration Assessment Undertaken Identify vibration magnitude from manufacturers data and calculate exposure using Hand-Arm Vibration Calculator.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 x 5</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Medium</p>

Further control measures

None required

Risk rating explanation

Risk ratings are calculated by considering the likelihood of an event occurring along with the severity of the potential consequence should an accident occur. After considering existing control measures, values are assigned to the likelihood and severity from the scales below and these figures multiplied to established the risk rating.



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4	4	8	12	16	20
3	3	6	9	12	15
2	2	4	6	8	10
1	1	2	3	4	5
	Severity				

Probability

What do your risk ratings mean?

- Risk is categorised as LOW: Look to reduce risk if practicable
- Risk has been categorised as MEDIUM: Begin to plan your action to reduce the risk immediately
- Risk has been categorised as HIGH: Immediate action required to reduce the risk

Assessor's signature: Simon Harris

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