



## GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

- This risk assessment relates to those hazards *specific to an activity*. It must ensure that all the precautions necessary to reduce the risk have been implemented.
- This generic *will be used with a local/site risk assessment*, which takes into account local circumstances, and persons involved.
- The level of risk is assessed using the *level of risk matrix (form F911D)*

ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSED BY:	ASSESSMENT DATE
E03 BRUSH CUTTERS AND STRIMMERS			N.B. Generic risk assessment must be reviewed at least every 3 years.
HAZARD (Potential for harm)	LEVEL OF RISK (Severity) Low /Medium/ High	PRECAUTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED (to remove hazard; or reduce risk level to an acceptable level) (NOTE: one precaution may tackle several hazards)	
Contact with moving blade		Engine must be stopped and allowed to cool down before any maintenance is done. Machinery must be maintained according to manufacturers instructions and serviced annually Machinery operator must be trained and competent in its use – WWT guidelines Snug fitting clothing must be worn, and long hair tied back, when operating scrub cutters.	
Flying Debris		Post a lookout if public approach is expected <b><i>Scrubcutters and trimmers will NOT be operated if there is anybody within a 15m radius of them.</i></b> Always wear long trousers, sturdy footwear, gloves and impact resistant goggles to BS EN 166. Signs must be displayed at work-site entrances at all times to inform other users about the risks. Ground <b>must</b> be cleared of debris e.g. bottles and cans and checked for dog fouling before work commences. Dog fouling must be removed before commencing work and PPE worn i.e. helmet/visor/goggles and dust mask	
Exhaust Fumes		Do not run machine indoors to prevent noise and exhaust fume build up.	
Fire		Machinery must not be used within 15m of naked flame. No smoking permitted in work area or whilst refuelling, maintaining or operating equipment	
Contact with fuel		Protective gloves must be worn when mixing/filling with petrol/oil and when cleaning machine.	
Noise		Ear defenders must be worn by the operator at all times	
Vibration		Take 10 minute break after every tank of fuel with a 30 minute break after every 3 tanks. N.b ensure all made aware of 'vibration white finger' health risks Adjust harness and handles for comfortable use before commencing work.	