



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
E05 WINCHES			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)	
<p>Activities for which the winch is being used.</p> <p>Inappropriate selection of equipment.</p> <p>Incorrect or inadequate maintenance.</p> <p>Incorrect use of equipment</p> <p>Manual handling of winch and cable.</p>		<p>Separate assessments must be completed for the activity that the winch is being used for etc.</p> <p>Only one other person to be in close proximity when winch is under load</p> <p>An exclusion zone must be maintained in the direction of pull at least equivalent to length of winch cable.</p> <p>Anchor points must be suitable for the weight of the load</p> <p>Cables must be coiled onto suitable drums to prevent damage</p> <p>Cables/slings that have damaged wires, kinks or visible centre fibres must not be used to prevent cable snap.</p> <p>Equipment must have an up to date inspection certificate</p> <p>Equipment must be stored in dry conditions</p> <p>Only one person to operate winch handle to prevent overloading the winch.</p> <p>Provide carrying aid for transporting winch</p> <p>Provision must be made to enable the load to be directed accurately.</p> <p>Work must be planned to minimise distance that winch & ropes need to be transported</p> <p>Winch cable must be attached to the load using a suitable sling to prevent cable damage</p> <p>The line of pull must be free from obstructions to prevent cable snag</p> <p>Strong leather gloves must be worn when handling cables and wire slings</p> <p>Slings must be hung from none rusting hooks to prevent damage from oxidisation.</p>	