



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
E07 - CHAINSAW USE		Eddie Asbery	4 th November 2009 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 chain	H	Full PPE MUST be worn i.e. chainsaw boots, chainsaw trousers, mitts or gloves plus combination helmet. Chain must be sharp and kept at correct tension, chainsaws MUST be maintained to manufacturers instructions and checked before use. Only personnel who are both NPTC qualified and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust approved are permitted to use a chainsaw on Trust reserves.	
Impact with Kickback	M		
Ignition of fuel	M	Allow machine to cool before refuelling. Refuel site well away from (i.e. 30 metres) from work area and away from sources of ignition.	
Exhaust fumes.	L	Do not work in confined spaces. Use in line with manufacturer instructions.	
Felling activities	H	Use safe saw techniques and maintain safe working distances at all times – 2.5 tree lengths if felling and 5 metres if cross cutting . One person will be authorised and trained to work within 2.5 tree lengths when felling work is taking place Make a thorough assessment of where the weight is in the crown of the tree and the likely direction of fall.	
Flying debris	M	Ensure PPE worn and safe working distances maintained. Clear debris well away from escape routes in all directions. Close footpaths and post lookouts when felling on or near to footpaths.	
Manual Handling	M	Provide carrying aids to transport equipment to site	
Noise and Vibration	M	Ear defenders will be worn by other workers authorised to be within 10 metres of the chainsaw operator Take a 10 minute break after every tank of fuel and a 30 minute break after every 3 rd tank	