



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
C04 TREE FELLING, COPPICING AND SCRUB CLEARANCE			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 overhead power lines Contact with sharp edged tools Falling trees and branches Kickback of butt end of tree when felled Manual handling of timber Repetitive swinging or pushing/pulling movements Uneven ground/protruding stumps Unexpected violent movement when cutting timber under tension/compression Use of chainsaw Use of Wood chippers Use Of winches Fire Contact with chemicals used for treatment of stumps		No felling to take place within 2 tree lengths of power lines without approval from power company. All workers other than those directly involved must be at least 2 tree lengths from the tree being felled. All workers within the cordoned off area/felling area will wear hard hats Cease felling work in high winds. Escape routes must be planned before each tree is felled. Cordon off work area with hazard tape, place warning signs at main entry points and post outlook when felling is taking place. Ground will be checked for thorns or other sharp objects before anyone kneels down. Leather protective gloves will be worn to handle thorny or splintered material. Trees with large amounts of dead wood in the crown will not be felled. All workers will be trained in correct felling techniques All logs will be cut to a manageable size before moving. If large amounts of timber are to be felled a detailed manual handling assessment must be carried out.- site safety demonstration and tools talk Instruction in basic handling techniques will be given when logs are to be moved by hand. Workers will take frequent rest breaks from repetitive impact tasks Tree stumps will be cut as low as possible to reduce trip hazards. Extraction routes will be planned and kept clear. All workers other than those directly involved must be at least 2 tree lengths from the tree being felled. Chainsaw, winch and woodchipper use will follow specific machinery instructions and separate detailed risk assessments (EQUIPMENT) Fires on site will follow separate risk assessment COSHH assessments must be done and followed for any stump treatment used.	

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