



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
C05 ORCHARD PRUNING AND POLLARDING			N.B. Generic risk assessment must be reviewed at least every 3 years.
HAZARD <i>(Potential for harm)</i>	LEVEL OF RISK <i>(Severity)</i> Low /Medium/ High	PRECAUTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED <i>(to remove hazard; or reduce risk level to an acceptable level)</i> (NOTE: one precaution may tackle several hazards)	
Falling branches and tools Restricted escape route Adverse Weather conditions Tree or branch splitting Use of specialist hand tools Working at heights		<p>Area within 2 tree lengths will be cordoned off using hazard tape and warning signs. Only one tool will be taken up at a time into the tree. Secure cut branches to rope to lower them slowly to the ground. Tools will be handed up to work where height allows and once worker has a secure position. All personnel carrying out pollarding and pruning will wear appropriate PPE e.g. hard hats. All workers within a distance equal to twice the tree height will wear helmets. The tool will be hung up securely when not in use in the tree.</p> <p>Work will cease in windy conditions, or when wet weather makes tool handling difficult.</p> <p>De-limbing a tree will be done evenly to avoid splitting</p> <p>A ladder will always be used to gain access to the tree. Ladder will be firmly attached to the tree and will be footed until this is in place.</p> <p>Only workers who have received training in the use of ladders and work in trees will be allowed to carry out pollarding. The ladder will remain in place at all times when there is a person in the tree. ree climbing beyond the ladder will be undertaken by trained personnel (NPTC Units CS38, 39), and there will be a second qualified tree climber on the ground.</p>	