



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
C08 - HEDGELAYING			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 hand tools Contact with Thorns Contact with rubbish and debris Falling timber and branches Fires Chainsaws and wood chippers Manual handling Contact with Public Hazardous plants etc Trip hazards		<p>Site Safety and Tools Talk to be given. All workers must wear leather protective gloves to handle thorny material. Allow sufficient space available between workers - i.e. greater than length of material to be laid Check ground for thorns or other sharp objects before anyone kneels down. Check hedge bottom before starting work and remove any foreign bodies (e.g. barbed wire, broken glass) Cut back branches and other vegetation at hedge base to allow clear access/good visibility before starting work i.e. facing up Workers will take frequent rest breaks from repetitive impact tasks</p> <p>Fires on site will follow separate risk assessment.</p> <p>Chainsaws and wood chippers on site will follow separate risk assessment (see Equipment RA's.)</p> <p>If large amounts of brash are to be moved a detailed manual handling assessment must be carried out.</p> <p>Place warning signs at main entry points and ensure visitors are kept away from main work area.</p> <p>Remove blackthorns immediately and ensure medical services are informed of the cause of the injury. Remove excess cut material regularly to reduce trip hazards. Wear goggles when pulling over large or unwieldy pleachers to prevent eye injuries. Work area must be kept free of obstructions to prevent slips and trips.</p>	