



GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD

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C011- GRASSLAND & HEATHLAND WORK			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)	
Uneven Ground and trip hazards		Site Safety talk at start of activity. All personnel to wear sturdy footwear with a firm grip. High viz. jackets when working at roadside	
Snake bites and insect Stings		Site safety talk on identification of adders and instruct not to approach. Ensure all personal have ankle boots, long sleeves and trousers, to avoid bites and ticks.	
Hand Tools		Tools talk at out set of activity, safe working distances are to be maintained i.e. two arms 2 tool lengths away from nearest worker. This must be increased if wearing gloves because of presence of ticks All tools to be maintained in good condition, all broken or unusable tools to be labelled and secured in van or trailer.	
Spores from Bracken and Fungi		Advise personnel of carcinogenic nature of bracken and risk of inhaling spores. Any manual clearance of bracken ALL workers will wear dust masks, to EN149 standard Clearance of bracken is to be avoided in June- August. At other time a maximum exposure for up to 6 hours per day for a maximum of 3 days per year is advised	
Lymes Disease and ticks		Site safety talk: Gloves must be worn when working with bracken and safe working distances increased to allow for this. Explain that Lymes disease can be caught from ticks present in bracken. All workers to check for ticks on returning home and report to GP if found All to wear long trousers and sleeves.	
Weather Conditions		Ensure a sufficient water supply is available and suitable rest periods in shade in hot weather. Advise all workers to wear shirt to cover exposed skin, put on sun hats and use a high factor sun cream (slip slap, slop) Ensure all workers have adequate wet weather gear to prevent exposure, stop work immediately when conditions deteriorate. N.B. DO NOT use swinging tools in wet weather. Beware of increased hazard on slopes especially when ground is slippery	

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Contact with Mower/Strimmer blades		<p>N.B. Machine clearance of bracken must be subject to separate and detailed COSHH assessment.</p> <p>No one except the operator to be within 15 meters of the mower/Strimmer whilst in operation i.e. Scrubcutters and strimmers will not be operated if there is anybody within a 15m radius of them. All Operators will always wear long trousers, sturdy footwear, gloves and impact resistant goggles to BS EN 166.</p>	
Contact with Petrol		<p>Protective gloves must be worn when mixing/filling with petrol/oil and when cleaning machine.</p>	
Fire		<p>Machinery must not be used within 15m of naked flame Engine of mower must be stopped before it is cleaned or maintained. Avoid contact with hot exhaust of Mower/ Strimmer Mowers and Strimmer must be allowed to cool before refuelling. Operator MUST be trained and competent. Users to wear ear defenders, safety boots and gloves Smoking will not be permitted whilst operating or maintaining machinery. Ear defenders must be worn by the operator at all times</p>	
Noise, vibration and hot exhaust fumes		<p>Take 10 minute break after ever tank of fuel with a 30 minute break after every 3 tanks.</p>	