

RHYL AND ST. ASAPH ANGLING ASSOCIATION – GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

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ACTIVITY	HAZARD	HARM	RISK RATING	CONTROLS / ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	RISK RATING AFTER CONTROLS	ACTION BY
Tree Clearance	Manual Handling	Muscular skeletal injury, WRULDs.	3 x 2 = 6	All operatives to receive manual handling toolbox talk. Make use of mechanical aids where practicable. Split heavy loads into smaller parts to allow easier movement where possible. Use 'Team Lifting' where possible. All workers instructed not to lift a load which is too heavy or uncomfortable.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader
	Working in or near water	Drowning, slipping, hypothermia, biological hazards, entanglement with weed and plant life.	2 x 3 = 6	Use pole to aid movement, ensure rescue equipment with hauling line and floatation device is available and to hand. Such devices are regularly checked (monthly), life jackets (where appropriate). Communication systems on place. Training in use of the rescue equipment provided to all who may need to use it.	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader

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	Use of machinery / equipment	Cuts, major injury, loss of limbs, death, Muscular skeletal injury, WRULDs, heat stroke	2 x 3 = 6	To be used only by trained and competent persons. Equipment to be inspected by user prior to each day's work. Should any defects be found they are to be reported and equipment not to be used. All portable electrical power tools (excluding battery operated tools) to be inspected by a competent person at three monthly intervals. Ensure guards on machinery in place and effective for protection. Ensure that working area is clear of debris before starting clearance operations. Always wear protective clothing and PPE. Take extra care on uneven and/or sloping ground. Avoid handling hazardous litter. Use team lifting if possible for moving equipment and machinery. Ensure that machinery is stationary before attempting any adjustment or clearing of moving parts. Minimise exposure to fuel, oil and plant juices. Clean hands as often as possible. Limit the amount of time spent operating vibrating equipment (less than 3 hours per day). Take regular breaks especially in cold weather. Consider the weather conditions and dress appropriately, take warm drinks in cold weather, cover up or apply sun block to prevent sunburn. (Additional information provided – see risk assessments for individual pieces of equipment).	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader

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	Disease	Infections, ill-health, death	2 x 3 = 6	Wear correct personal protective equipment (gloves, eye protection etc.). Ensure good welfare arrangements available on site. Good personal hygiene standards required. Be aware that Weil's disease is transmitted by cows as well as rats and symptoms are similar to those of flu. If you feel affected in this way following working on the riverbank tell your GP so that they can consider this when making their diagnosis.	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader
	Bio-hazards from plants	Infections, ill-health, death	2 x 3 = 6	A number of plants can be harmful to animals including humans and spread of or contact with these should be avoided (e.g. common ragwort, broadleaved dock, Japanese knotweed, etc.). Wear correct personal protective equipment (gloves, eye protection etc.). Ensure good welfare arrangements available on site. Good personal hygiene standards required	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader
	Slips, trips and falls	Cuts, bruises, major and minor injuries, breaks and dislocations.	2 x 2 = 4	Good housekeeping regime including regular sweeping up of ground to remove any surplus debris. Keep paths / walkways clear. Regular site walk over by project leader to ensure good housekeeping standards are maintained.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader

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Footpath Maintenance	Uneven surfaces	Cuts, bruises, major and minor injuries, breaks and dislocations.	2 x 2 = 4	Use walking stick or pole to prove firmness of path before stepping forward. Good housekeeping regime including regular sweeping up of ground to remove any surplus debris. Keep paths / walkways clear. Mark up any sudden drops or holes to highlight these to others. Regular site walk over by project leader to ensure good housekeeping standards are maintained.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader
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	Pot holes	Cuts, bruises, major and minor injuries, breaks and dislocations.	2 x 2 = 4	Use walking stick or pole to prove firmness of path before stepping forward. Survey of footpath / walkway before works start to locate depressions or holes and place warning markers.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader
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	Use of cutting equipment	Cuts, major injury, loss of limbs, death, Muscular skeletal injury, WRULDs, heat stroke	2 x 3 = 6	To be used only by trained and competent persons. Equipment to be inspected by user prior to each day's work. Should any defects be found they are to be reported and equipment not to be used. All portable electrical power tools (excluding battery operated tools) to be inspected by a competent person at three monthly intervals. Ensure guards on any electrical machinery is in place and effective for protection. Ensure that working area is clear of debris before starting clearance operations. Always wear protective clothing and PPE. Ensure that machinery is stationary before attempting any adjustment or clearing of moving parts. Minimise exposure to fuel, oil and plant juices. Clean hands as often as possible. Limit the amount of time spent operating vibrating equipment (less than 3 hours per day). Take regular breaks especially in cold weather. Consider the weather conditions and dress appropriately, take warm drinks in cold weather, cover up or apply sun block to prevent sunburn. (Additional information provided – see risk assessments for individual pieces of equipment).	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader

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	Sharp pieces of materials	Manual handling injuries, cuts, lacerations.	2 x 2 = 4	Ensure as far as possible that all sharp edges are removed from timber piece prior to handling and transporting to location. All workers to ensure that they wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment including safety glasses/goggles suitable gloves and safety boots.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader
	Hand tools	Cuts, grazes, minor injuries.	2 x 2 = 4	Toolbox talks on use of unfamiliar tools prior to use. Ensure that all tools and in good condition by user pre-use inspections. Damaged, blunt or otherwise unsuitable tools not to be used.	1 x 2 = 2	Project Leader
General Maintenance	Weed Spraying	DNA damage, endocrine disruption and cell death, possibly harmful to new and expectant mothers, environmental hazard.	2 x 3 = 6	Only to be used by trained competent persons. Area to be sprayed to be made out-of-bounds to others. Users to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment. Use down wind and wear FFP3 respiratory protection.	1 x 3 = 3	Project Leader

RISK RATING TABLE

Severity			
H	3	6	9
M	2	4	6
L	1	2	3
Likelihood	L	M	H

Based upon 3x3 Matrix: Low = 1; Med = 2; High = 3
 Further measures necessary to reduce RISK rating to an acceptable level
 Identify person responsible for action.