

## RISK ASSESSMENT - BRIEF DESCRIPTION

### GENERAL – PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



**The Parish Council expect the following measures to be undertaken as standard practice by all Contractors, staff, volunteers and Community Pride Officer where necessary**

#### **Prior to work commencing**

1. Where there is a risk to health and safety, which cannot be effectively controlled by any other means, suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be used.
2. Some risks will always be present requiring the use of PPE to control them.
3. **Safety helmets** must be worn at all times in 'Hard Hat Areas' or where there is a risk of head injury.
4. **Safety shoes or boots** - suitable protective footwear must be worn where there is a risk of injury.
5. **Suitable protective clothing** is required when working indoors, or outdoors in adverse weather conditions.
6. **High visibility jacket or vest** should be worn when required.
7. **Protective gloves** of the correct type are required if handling sharp, tough or coarse materials. Other hazards requiring gloves are thermal, chemical and vibration situations.
8. **Eye or face protection** is required where there is a foreseeable risk of injury ie chiselling, welding, pruning, using power tools generally. Persons working nearby may also need protection. Goggles must be worn when using any type of grinding machine.
9. **Hearing protection** must be used where noise levels cause discomfort or where signs indicate they should be worn. Persons working nearby may also need protection.
10. **Respiratory protective equipment (RPE)** RPE must be used where harmful fumes, dust or vapours could be inhaled. Specifically, where potentially dusty environments are accessed within buildings, such as ceiling voids, service ducts/cupboards or any other "confined space" an orinasal (half) mask with P3 filter or equivalent FFP3 disposable mask must be worn as a minimum requirement. This includes cursory visual inspections or routine re-setting of equipment. In all cases a suitable mask type must be selected by a competent person. Persons working nearby may also need protection.
11. **Safety belts, harnesses and nets** may need to be used where it is not practicable to provide a safe working platform. A Permit to Work may be required.

12. Barrier cream may be needed for some tasks and in some circumstances.

13. Provide fire extinguishers where appropriate.

14. Use suitable lifting equipment where there are manual handling issues.

### **Hazards**

1. As indicated above.

### **Harm**

1. Minor cuts, amputation, stab wounds, fatality from blood loss, falls or electrocution.

2. Respiratory problems, musculoskeletal injuries, dermatitis, eye injuries.

### **Persons at risk**

CPO, Contractors & Contractors staff, Parish Council staff and volunteers.

### **Control measures**

1. Utilisation of PPE.

