

RISK ASSESSMENT

ACTIVITY COVERED:	PESTICIDES – GENERAL USE
Reference No: 017	Version: 1.0

GENERAL HAZARDS	Risk Rating			Who at Risk	
	Low	Med	High	Emp	MoP
Skin, eye contact with chemical		√		√	√
Inhalation of chemical		√		√	√
Manual handling	√			√	
Slips / trips / falls	√			√	
Mechanical hazards	√			√	
Falls from height (tractor mounted applications)	√			√	
Vehicles/traffic	√			√	

PRIMARY LEGISLATION/REFERENCES:

Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (NI) 2000

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (NI) Regulations 2000

Approved Code of Practice L9 Safe Use of Pesticides for Non-Agricultural Purposes

CONTROL MEASURES	Check
PLANNING:	
Alternatives to pesticides evaluated and the need to use a pesticide confirmed	√
Least hazardous pesticide available chosen	√
Method of application requiring minimum handling chosen	√
Pesticide currently approved for use under the Food and Environmental Protection Act	√
COSHH Assessments available for all pesticides used	√
Identify any health surveillance requirements and arrange as appropriate	√
PHYSICAL:	
PPE to be provided and worn e.g. gloves, spraysuits, safety boots, masks, visors and check for defects	√
Ensure ready access to suitable washing facilities	√
Before use, fill sprayer with water and ensure nozzles are clear	√
Check application equipment for leaks	√
Check wind direction / wind speed before commencing application	√
Erect suitable safety signs e.g. Spraying in progress	√
First aid provisions identified and supplied	√
MANAGERIAL/SUPERVISORY:	
Ensure no smoking	√
Ensure good personal hygiene	√
Records kept of all operations involving storage, application and disposal of pesticides	√
TRAINING:	
Direct and Close supervision for all untrained operators	√
PA1 Foundation Course for all operators	√
PA2A Course for operators using tractor mounted equipment	√
PA6 Course for operators using knapsacks	√

SITE/TASK SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT

On each site the generic risk assessment must be validated by reviewing the specific aspects/circumstances

This risk assessment must be reviewed regularly, where any significant changes are made, where any new equipment is introduced, or if there is any reason to suspect it is no longer valid.

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SITE LOCATION/SPECIFIC TASK:	
Max number of people involved in activity:	
Frequency and duration of activity:	

Additional hazards identified (whether site or activity oriented):			
Additional control measures required:		Who to action and for when:	
Assessment of remaining risks:	Low	Medium	High

Circumstances which may require additional information:

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Circulation of risk assessment:			
Operative:	Manager/Supervisor:	Other:	Other:

Assessment completed by:			
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Signature:			
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