

RISK ASSESSMENT

ACTIVITY

Preparation and cleaning

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Dust and fumes from chemicals or abrasive materials	Low to medium	Wear appropriate masks.

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Using blow torches, hot air strippers and gas burners

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Fire and burns	Low to medium	Use according to manufacturers' instructions. Ensure posture is secure. Do not use near flammable materials. Keep away from loose clothing. Wear protective clothing.

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Using paints, thinners, strippers, powders and other substances.

Also refer to information and instructions supplied with the substance, on data cards or on labels.

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Fire	Low	Do not smoke whilst using materials. Store materials in designated areas. Keep materials away from sources of heat such as hot air guns, blow torches and gas burners.
Eye and skin injury	Low to medium	Wear protective eyewear, gloves and overalls. Wash hands after use.
Slipping due to spillage	Low	Secure lids after use. Keep containers the right way up.
Inhalation of fumes and dust	Low to medium	Wear appropriate masks.

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Working at height on ladders, towers, scaffolding etc.

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Falling	Low to medium	Ensure ladders are secure, ladders over 5m height should be fixed in place. Ensure equipment is in good condition and clean. Always use hand holds provided. Ensure any hand rails and other safety guards are in place.
Dropping items	Low to medium	Ensure all equipment and material being used are securely fixed or held at all times. When not in use return items to stores or ground level.

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Using electrical equipment

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Electric shock	Low	Ensure equipment has been tested. Check that there are no frayed leads or loose or exposed wires. Use according to instructions. Ensure hands are dry.
Tripping or falling over cables	Low	Ensure all cable runs are clearly marked and covered where necessary.

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Using moving equipment

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Body injury	Low to medium	Use equipment according to instructions. Provide training on use where necessary. Maintain equipment. Ensure that all moving parts are properly guarded. Check that equipment is not damaged. Turn off after use.

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Lifting and handling

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Body injury due to lifting	Low to medium	Only lift objects that you are capable of lifting easily and safely. Request assistance with lifting heavy objects. Use the appropriate equipment. Place your feet firmly on the ground, bend your knees and keep your back straight. Wear gloves to protect your hands from sharp or rough edges. Wear suitable footwear to guard against injuries caused by dropping the object.

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Cutting and breaking materials.

HAZARD	RISK	PREVENTION
Cuts from tools or sharp edges of materials	Low	Cut materials, tiles on a flat surface using the correct tools. Wear gloves and protective equipment.
Dust and small fragments in eyes	Low	Wear protective eyewear.

