

Risk Assessment

Activity to be Assessed				Assessment Number					
Working with Vibrating Hand Held Tools				OD-10					
Persons undertaking or affected by the activity									
☒ Employees ☐ Tenant ☐ Public ☐ Visitor ☐ Contractor ☐ Other									
Identified Hazards and Associated Risks			Likelihood		Severity		Risk Level		
1	Hand Arm Vibration (Vibration White Finger)		3		4		12		
Existing Control Measures / Additional Control Measures Required									
1	Refer to, and follow the appropriate control measures in the relevant Hand Arm Vibration assessment for the particular tool being used. Do not exceed the "Trigger time" exposure outline in the HAV assessment. • Make sure the tool is in good condition; for example that the cutting edges are sharp, and that handles are secure. • All hand held vibrating tools must be examined before use. Any defects found shall be reported to the Supervisor. • Check that you have the right tool for the job. If you have to force the tool, the tool may cause more vibration, you may have to grip it tighter, and the job will take longer. If hiring tools talk to the company about the job you plan to do, to check if you have the best tool for the job. • Where possible organise patterns of work where you can avoid lengthy and continuous use of vibrating hand held tools. • Take short breaks regularly – as a rule of thumb take 5min every 20minutes. • In cold conditions, make sure that you are warm before you start work – and that you will be able to keep warm and dry through the day. It is especially important to think about keeping your hands warm. Wearing gloves can help in keeping your hands warm (Anti-vibration gloves provide little or no protection). • While you're working - keep warm, especially your hands. Check that the tool is not becoming blunt. • Exercise your hands and fingers to keep them warm and flexible. • If you can, store the tools so that the handles will not get cold overnight • Cutting down on smoking can help improve blood circulation – even if it's 20min before the job starts to 20min after the job end. • At the end of the day if you have any persistent tingling or numbness in your fingers and hands – tell you Supervisor. <i>Don't ignore the early signs of vibration white finger – it can become a serious condition which can affect your work, our capacity for work and your leisure time</i>								
Reassessment of Activity Hazards			Likelihood		Severity		Risk Level		
1	Hand Arm Vibration (Vibration White Finger)		2		4		8		
Name: Kyle Position; Director		Signed:			Date of Completion: February 2018				
Review Date :	Likelihood	Severity	Likelihood of Injury	5	5	10	15	20	25
Reviewed by:	1 very unlikely 2 unlikely 3 likely 4 very likely 5 certainty	1 nuisance 2 minor 3 medical treatment 4 major 5 fatal		4	4	8	12	16	20
Review Date :				3	3	6	9	12	15
Reviewed by:				2	2	4	6	8	10
Review Date :				1	1	2	3	4	5
Reviewed by:				0	1	2	3	4	5
Review Date :				Severity of Injury					
Reviewed by:	Low Risk Medium Risk High Risk								