

Task/Operation:	Safe practise for tree and scrub mgt		
Group(s) affected:	DCS staff, public, volunteers		
Person(s) undertaking assessment:	GAVIN PITT	Date:	JANUARY 04
Employee(s) consulted:			
Union Safety Rep(s) consulted:			

Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
01.01.2005	20.10.05	No	RTT
<b>20.10.2006</b>			

Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
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Injury due to uncontrolled falling timber.	Crush injury / impact injury	3	3	9	PPE to be used and be in good order. Only trained and appropriately skilled staff to carry out felling / limbing of substantial trees. Safe working area cordon to be maintained on task. Communication call out system and buddy system to be in place during task. Look out staff on site plus advance warning notices of site operation to be used. Felling to only proceed if weather conditions allow for safe control of felling direction.	1	3	3

Injury from power tools used in tree mgt	Serious cuts, manual handling strains	3	3	9	Only appropriately trained and skilled personnel to use powered tools. Maximum use of PPE to be required by employing Authority. Suitably trained 'buddy' to be in safe proximity to power tool user and to be aware of emergency response actions.	1	3	3
Manual handling injury from lifting, stacking, site tidying	Strain injury, abrasion injury, crush injury	3	2	6	All task personnel to be advised of task safety:- to include manual handling safely, use of PPE, site condition risk reduction (slip & trip hazards), bulk items to be reduced in size prior to moving. Task first aid kit to be readily available	1	2	2
Injury from use of hand tools on task	Deep cuts, abrasion injury, strain injury and associated scale of effects	2	2	4	Advised PPE for hand tool use to be used (see BTCV guidance) Supervisory tool use advice to be provided. Tools on task to be in good and safe working order. Task first aid kit to be readily available	1	2	2
Cuts, puncture wounds, abrasion from trees and scrub mgt including planting tasks.	General low impact injury plus increased risk of infection.	2	1	2	Appropriate PPE to be used . Hygiene wipes and or water to be available within welfare and first aid kit. Advise of the requirement to regularly cleanse / disinfect wound or seek medical advice. Wash hands prior to eating on task.	1	1	1

Likelihood of accident from conservation task involvement due to lack of skill or experience	Accident and injury				Only appropriately trained, skilled and briefed personnel to lead task. Line managers to evaluate suitability via induction, personal development, workplan reviews etc. Personnel on task to be identified as being able to fulfill task requirements.			
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