

Halesworth Millennium Green - RISK ASSESSMENT SHEET

SITE/ OPERATION ASSESSED: Orchard work
 DATE:

ASSESSOR: **Name**

HAZARD	RISK	LEVEL	LIKELIHOOD	ACTIONS REQUIRED TO REMOVE/ REDUCE RISK
Tools and trees	Injury by cutting and bruising	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on proper use of tools Advise on hazards. Safe working distance from each other
Tools and trees causing trip hazard	Injury by tripping	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on hazards. Maintain tidy working area. Ensure tools that are not in use are stored away outside the working area.
Tree stakes / reed / saplings and twigs	Eye injuries Cuts	High	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch out for eyes, especially when bending down. Safely dispose of damaged stakes as they may have sharp edges. Consider wearing goggles
Uneven ground	Twisted ankle or falls	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on the risk Use spare earth from mole hills to fill in rabbit holes
Spiral guards	Cuts	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warn of risks when attaching spiral guards as they contain sharp edges.
Digging (for planting or weeding)	Injury to back or foot	Low	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on correct digging technique.
Long handled tools Hay rakes and forks	Blow or stabbing when being carried	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training to all workers on correct carrying techniques.
	Tripping when left on the ground	Medium	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure rakes are placed tines down OR leaned up against something with tines at the top (facing down) OR pushed vertically into soft soil handle-first like a flag (with tines at the top.)

Mowing & strimming	Various			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never start mower in closed space e.g. garage• Never clear grass or refuel with engine running• No smoking• Store petrol at least 20m from source of ignition• Wear appropriate protective clothing (gloves, boots, ear defenders, face visor)• Wear gloves when sharpening blades• Be aware of becoming trapped between mower and other objects
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