

Task Risk Control Sheet

Use of Leaf Blower

RCS No: NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/SP30

Issue: 1

Key Risks !

- Trains
- Manual Handling
- Underfoot Conditions
- Adverse Weather
- Fuelling
- Noise

Personnel Involved

E&P	
S&T	
Track	✓
Off Track	✓
Property	

Tools / Equipment None

Plant Leaf Blower

ALL WORK USING A LEAF BLOWER ON OR NEAR THE LINE SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN USING AN APPROPRIATE SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK

Key Risks	Controls	Implemented By
Trains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Risk Control Sheet NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GA01 – Work On or Near the Line 	All Staff
Underfoot conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Risk Control Sheet NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GH02 – Underfoot Conditions • Tools and other materials shall be kept in a designated safe place so as not to become a trip hazard • Check on usage of land and conditions, especially significant changes in elevated gradient • Monitor conditions on an ongoing basis; if circumstances change, especially significant changes in gradients or heights, cease work and review safe system of work 	All Staff
Re-fuelling – Fire, Explosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Risk Control Sheet NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GA17 – Decanting Fuel and Fuelling Small Plant • Contact with Fuels – See GHE05 - Refueling • Re-fuelling shall take place a minimum of 10 meters from the work area 	Team Leader/All Staff
Manual Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Risk Control Sheet NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/GH01 – Manual Handling • Plan the work to minimise manual handling 	All Staff
Use of Hand Held Power Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Risk Control Sheet NR/L3/MTC/RCS0216/SP04 - Use of Hand Held Power Tools 	All Staff
Noise and Vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use appropriate ear protection and gloves to keep hands warm • Tasks/jobs shall be rotated where sufficient trained/competent staff are available • Plan preventative maintenance 	All Staff
Contact with the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation will be within the railway boundary. If used outside the railway boundary a separate risk assessment will be required. 	All Staff

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Darkness / Poor Visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible all work shall be performed during daylight 	All Staff
Adverse Weather Reduced Visibility e.g. Fog, Falling Snow, Heavy Rain,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where visibility is reduced the Controller of Site Safety shall assess the situation and implement green zone working, because reliance cannot be guaranteed on using lookouts Wear high visibility clothing that is clean and not faded and safety boots that are in good condition 	Line Manager / All Staff / COSS / Team Leader
Adverse Weather Extreme sun and heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover up exposed skin and apply sunscreen where skin has to be exposed An adequate supply of portable water shall be available at all times and taken on site if remote from vehicles, depots, etc Rotate staff to prevent excessive exposure especially, lookouts, site wardens 	Line Manager / All Staff / COSS / Team Leader
Adverse Weather Extreme Cold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotate staff to prevent excessive exposure especially, lookouts, site wardens Hot drinks and facilities for keeping warm shall be available Wear gloves to protect hands 	Line Manager / All Staff / COSS / Team Leader
Adverse Weather Snow and Ice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take extra care when walking trackside from access point to place of work Consider clearing the place of work of snow to reveal any tripping hazards. 	
Adverse Weather High Winds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an assessment of weather conditions before work is performed, including weather forecasts to assess the effect high winds might have. The Team Leader/COSS shall monitor and assess whether work shall continue 	
Adverse Weather Heavy rain including flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an assessment of weather conditions before work is performed, including weather forecasts to identify possible heavy rain The Team Leader/COSS shall monitor and assess whether work shall continue Do not work in drains, culverts or confined spaces during and following heavy rains 	
Adverse Weather Thunderstorms and Lightning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not work on electrical systems in thunderstorms Take shelter inside, where possible, during thunderstorms 	