

Risk Assessment

Task	RA-004 Destruction Activities					Assessor	Luke Dennison	
Assessment date	11/05/2026		Location: Swinnow Community Centre - Swinnow Ln, Leeds LS13 4RF					
Activity Date	21/05/2026		Business: Yorkshire Water - Kier - Tilbury Douglas					
Potential Hazard	Risk ranking without controls in place			Controls	Residual Risk with Controls in place			
	Severity *	Likelihood **	Overall Risk		Severity *	Likelihood **	Overall Risk	
Inadequate planning	3	3	9	Individual project tasks are to be reviewed by Project Lead prior to the attendance of the Business Volunteers. Planning of any destruction activities should include the consideration of: - ground conditions, - potential dropped objects - volunteer group size - weight of debris - waste material produced and disposal - manual handling/ transportation. - General work environment (inside/ outside) - Tooling requirements		2	2	4
Location hazards	3	3	9	Individual Project sites and the tasks will be assessed as part of the Project RA to identify particular local site hazards. These may include but not be limited to, congestion with other Volunteers or site occupants (eg children), simultaneous work fronts in the same area. On the day of the task, local weather conditions should also be reviewed for their impact on any excavation activities.		2	2	4

Weather Conditions	2	3	6	Consideration of the local weather conditions on the worksite, individuals and the tasks must be undertaken and constantly assessed during the task.	1	2	2
Unsuitable Footwear	3	3	9	Where the use of pickaxes or wrecking bars are required to break up ground then they should only be used by individuals wearing suitable stout footwear.	2	2	4
Manual handling	3	3	9	Manual handling considerations and mitigation are addressed in RA-008.	2	2	4
Excavation	3	3	9	Hazards associated with excavation are addressed in RA-012.	2	2	4
Dust	2	3	6	Where the creation of dust may become a hazard, suitable dust masks must be available for volunteers.	1	2	2
Working at height (Step Ladders)	4	3	12	Any requirement for working from step ladders will be assessed during the preliminary site visit and general mitigation is covered in the individual Working at Height RA-013.	3	2	6
Waste Material Handling	2	3	6	Suitable gloves are to be made freely available to volunteers to allow the safe handling of all waste materials.	1	2	2
Dropped Objects	3	3	9	Tools and waste materials should not be stored anywhere on a structure above head height where if they fall damage or injury to someone below could occur.	1	2	2
Waste Disposal	2	3	6	Waste should always be tidied from work site and, where possible, disposed of in correct segregated bins.	1	2	2
Lack of Volunteer understanding	2	3	6	Safe and correct usage of the tools provided will be undertaken with the Volunteers. On completion of the TBT all attendees are to sign the TBT to signify their acceptance and understanding of the pre job assessment. All attendees to be offered the opportunity to ask questions and clarify.	2	2	4

KEY:

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Severity

1. Very small injury – on site first aid treatment only
2. Minor injury – Requires visit to A&E but no time off work
3. Moderate injury – 3 or fewer days off work
4. Severe injury – greater than 3 days off work
5. Risk of death or serious permanent injury

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Likelihood

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| 1. | Very unlikely | (Almost unheard of) |
| 2. | Unlikely | (It happens in wider world) |
| 3. | Reasonable | (Its happened to other charities) |
| 4. | Likely | (Its happened to us since-10 years) |
| 5. | Very likely | (Its happened to us recently- year) |

Overall Risk = Severity x Likelihood