

Risk Assessment

Task	RA-013 Working at height					Assessor	Luke Dennison		
Assessment date	02/07/2025		Location: Scholemoor Community Centre, Dracup Ave, Bradford BD7 2RJ						
Activity Date	06/07/2025		Business: Yorkshire Water - MMB - CHG						
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	5	2	10	Individual project tasks are to be reviewed by Project Lead prior to the attendance of the Business Volunteers. Any working at height should be recognised and mitigated at this stage. Planning of working at height activities should include, but not be limited to, the consideration of: • congestion • site layout • safe access and egress • location of fire exits • height of work • fire alarm buttons • electrical hazards • work party size			1	2	2
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 simultaneous work activities should be assessed to identify any clashes.			2	2	4

Suitable Tools and equipment	2	2	4	Good condition tools and equipment will be provided to the Volunteers. Guidance on the individual usage and safe storage of the tooling will be provided by the Project Lead.	2	1	2
Number of persons	4	3	12	A suitable number of persons should be allocated to the task to ensure adequate support of step ladders. Allocation and confirmation of personnel to occur at TBT.	3	2	6
Trips and falls	3	3	9	Ensure that ladders are not left lying around unattended and emphasis is made to Volunteers on maintaining a tidy work site.	2	2	4
Ladder Inspection	4	3	12	A pre-use inspection of ladders must be completed by the Project staff prior to use on a task. Regular inspection and maintenance of step ladders must be undertaken and records kept.	2	2	4
Working from Step ladders	4	3	12	Work duration from step ladders should be kept to a minimum. The top two steps rungs of the step ladder should not be used for working from only used to support tools and equipment.	3	2	6
Individual capabilities	2	3	6	Volunteers to be asked and offered the opportunity during the TBT to assess their own abilities and highlight any injuries or limits to their abilities to undertake any working at height activities.	2	2	4
User experience	2	3	6	Assessment and questioning of the Business Volunteers should occur during the TBT to best determine their stated knowledge and competency. Identification of "at risk" Volunteers prior to tasks commencing	2	2	4
Lack of Volunteer understanding	2	3	6	Safe and correct usage of the tools provided will be undertaken with the Volunteers. Demonstration of good 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	2	2	4

questions and clarify.

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

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