

USSL Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment No		18		Activity		Tree Cutting & Pruning		Locations		Site Works		
Assessment Undertaken by		M. Watson		Assessment Date		Jun-17		Review Date		1/6/18		
Risk Ratings												
Persons at risk (PAR)		Severity / Harm Rating (S)				Likelihood (L)						
E	Employees / Contractors	1	Negligible injury or no injury			1	Extremely unlikely to occur at any time					
P	Members of Public	2	Minor injury requiring First Aid			2	A rare combination of factors would be required for an incident to occur					
V	Visitors	3	Lost time injury			3	Could happen, but considered unlikely under normal circumstances					
C	Clients	4	Single serious injury or single death			4	Not certain, but an additional factor may result in an incident					
		5	Multiple deaths and or serious injuries			5	Almost inevitable that an incident will result - Highly likely to occur					
Tolerance rating												
15 - 25		DANGER - Task/activity should not proceed. Further control measures are to be put in place to reduce risk. When in place the level of risk should be re-assessed for adequacy before the work recommences.										
7 - 14		SIGNIFICANT RISK is attached to this task/activity. Look critically at ways of reducing the level of risk to a more tolerable level by improving existing control measures or by introducing new controls.										
1 - 6		TOLERABLE RISK - Consider if risk is "as low as reasonably practicable", if not try to reduce risk further by improving control measures. Keep under review and continue with task/activity, but with caution										
NB. Full PPE will be utilised as a matter of course during any works undertaken												
Initial Assessment No controls						Risk Mitigation Measures						
Item No	Hazard Identification	PAR	S	L	Score	Control Measures	S	L	Revised Score	Risk Acceptable		
1	Pedestrians & vehicles	E,P,V,C	4	4	16	Operatives to wear high-visibility clothing and hard hats Signing & guarding to comply with Chapter 8 Acop.	4	1	4	Yes		
2	Snagging/Cuts/Lacerations/eye and face injuries	E	3	3	9	Where chain-saws are used, operatives must be competent and must have received training and hold specific certification in the use of such equipment. When using a chain saw, none-snagging outer clothing must be worn at all times. Where operatives have not received training in the use of chain-saws, hand/bow saws must be used at all times for tree cutting and pruning. Operatives must wear gloves and face visors at all times during all tree cutting/pruning operations. Ensure that operatives are trained in Emergency First Aid techniques. Where chain saws are used, read and implement the control measures detailed in the Method Statement and Risk Assessment 19 "Use of Chain Saws".	3	2	6	Yes		
3	Noise	E	3	3	9	Where chain-saws are used, ear protection must be worn	3	1	3	Yes		
5	Working at Height	E	4	4	16	Read Method statement and Risk assessments 58 "Working at Height Ladders and Stepladders" and 59 "Working at Height, Mobile Towers". for reference to working at height. Always maintain 3 points of contact on access equipment.	4	1	4	Yes		