

USSL Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment No		73	Activity		Sharps		Locations		Site	
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	Needle stick injuries,	E	4	4	16	Employees are instructed and informed never to put their hands anywhere where there is likely to be hidden sharp objects. In the event of finding needles and syringes etc., the employee should protect themselves and their colleagues by making sure that no one goes into the area in question. Needles etc should be suitably barriered off immediately reported to the Line Manger Line Manager to arrange disposal via a licensed disposal route.	4	1	4	Yes
2	Infections and diseases from cross contamination via broken skin	E	4	5	20	Only trained employees will be permitted to remove blood contaminated objects and syringes. Rubber gloves are worn when undertaking these tasks i.e. marigolds etc., and these will be disposed off in a sealed bag. All syringes and objects will be placed in a sharps bin by the disposal contractor for disposal. A company authorised contractor will be registered to dispose of clinical waste. If any employee suffers a needle stick injury they will be treated by a First Aider and referred to their own GP or hospital for further treatment.	5	1	5	Yes