

HAZARD AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

Severity of hazard: 1= Minor injury 2= Serious injury 3= Major injury or fatality	Likelihood: 1= Unlikely 2= Likely 3= Very likely or inevitable	Population (no. of persons who could be affected): 1= 1-5 persons 2= 6-20 persons 3= 21+ persons	Risk Factor : Severity x Likelihood x Population (min 1, max 27)
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Location:
On Site

Activity/Equipment:
Use of Brush Cutter

Date of assessment:
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Nature of hazard	Slips, trips, falls	Dust	Noise	Fire/Explosion	Exposure to harmful substances	Entrapment	Impact	Contact	Entanglement	Ejection	Electric shock	RSI/Eyestrain	Manual handling	Other	MAX. RISK FACTOR
Severity	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	-	-	1		3
Likelihood	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	1		
Population	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1		

Control methods and timescale

- Only persons with appropriate training or with relevant experience allowed to use brush cutter
- Always have at least one other person in attendance when brush cutter being used
- Protective clothing including, appropriate hardhat with full visor and ear protectors , gloves, protective trousers and boots must be worn when brush cutter in use and time limits to be applied to periods of use to prevent back pain etc.
- Refuelling and oiling of brush cutter only to be done after machine cooled down
- Brush Cutter to be checked after each hour of use and blade re-sharpened as required
- Brush Cutter to be professionally serviced and checked at least every 12 months when used frequently
- Brush Cutter to be securely stored in shed or outbuildings when not in use