

## 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)

**Location:**  
 On Site

**Activity/Equipment:**  
 Use of Slashers and other scrub clearing tools

**Date of assessment:**  
 28 Jan 2014

**Assessor:** P Wright

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	2	2	1	1	-	-	1		2
Likelihood	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	1		
Population	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 slashers/other tools
- Always have at least one other person in attendance when slashers/cutting tools being used
- Protective clothing including gloves, trousers and boots must be worn when slashers/cutting tools in use
- Members to ensure no other persons are close enough to be hit by swinging of equipment
- Members using cutting equipment to ensure no other equipment (tapes, poles etc) are close enough to be damaged
- Equipment to be checked after each session of use and blades re-sharpened as required
- Slashers/other equipment to be securely stored in shed or outbuildings when not in use
- Periods of use of slashers etc to be limited with intervening rest periods to prevent strains and back pain