

Dunes and beach work

How to use this Risk Assessment

This risk assessment document is for LCV Task Leaders. It identifies the risks associated with tasks on dunes and beaches. Task Leaders must use it in conjunction with LCV's Site Safety risk assessment and other activity-based generic risk assessments to determine the contents of the pre-task safety talk and the organisation of activities that take place during the task.

This risk assessment must be used in conjunction with the *Site safety* assessment and perhaps other task-specific risk assessments as appropriate for the activities being carried out. Consult the *Guidance notes* for full instructions.

Generic risk assessment

Training/Supervision required PPE required

Review risk assessment and brief personnel on risks and controls before work starts
Protective footwear and gloves. Additional PPE in line with tool manufacturer's instructions or detailed below.



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Common hazards Associated with the work activity	Who is at risk? Public, staff, trainees, volunteers	Risk rating Risk level before controls are in place	Control measures Measures that must be in place before work is allowed to start	Residual risk rating Risk remaining after controls are in place
Cuts from Marram Grass and objects hidden in the sand	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell volunteers that they must wear gloves when handling Marram Grass Tell volunteers that they must wear gloves when using tools to dig out objects or prepare holes 	Low
Falling Rocks from Cliffs	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not work within 5m of the base of cliffs Tell volunteers that they must wear hard hats when working within 15m of the base of cliffs (below) Tell volunteers that the hard hat must fit snugly and that they must not wear anything under it 	Low
Slips/Trips and Falls (additional control measures)	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise volunteers to be careful on wet rocks. Advise them to carry tools in one hand, leaving one hand free for balance 	Low
Tides	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the state of the tide, ensuring that there is always a safe route off the beach. 	Low

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