

## Dunes and beach work

### How to use this Risk Assessment

This risk assessment document is for LCV Task Leaders. It identifies the common risks associated with tasks on dunes and beaches and common measures which can be taken to control them. Task Leaders must use it in conjunction with LCV's Site Safety risk assessment and other activity-based generic risk assessments to assist them in their own risk assessment which will 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.



**Lothians  
Conservation  
Volunteers**

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