

Domestic activities on residential tasks

How to use this Risk Assessment

This risk assessment document is for LCV Task Leaders. It identifies the common risks associated with domestic activities on residential tasks and common measures which may be taken to control them. Task Leaders must use it in conjunction with LCV's other generic risk assessments to assist them in their own risk assessment which will determine the contents of the briefing they give volunteers on first arrival at the accommodation and the organisation of activities that take place there.

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
None.



**Lothians
Conservation
Volunteers**

| 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 |
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| Fire | Volunteers | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and point out fire exits and fire extinguishers/blankets to all volunteers on arrival. Identify the fire alarm system, if fitted, and point out to volunteers what it sounds like. Tell volunteers that they must keep all fire exits and escape routes clear. Check that all potential sources of ignition (e.g. stoves, gas fires etc) are extinguished or safe before going to bed. Keep flammable materials (including drying clothes) away from sources of ignition. Leave emergency exit lights or other low light source on overnight. Extinguish naked flames and close doors on leaving. | Low |
| Personal attack | Volunteers | Site-specific | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that accommodation is secure before going to bed | Low |
| Food poisoning | Volunteers | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell volunteers that they must wash their hands before preparing food for others. Ensure that perishable foodstuffs are stored appropriately. Follow standard good practice for food hygiene, for example: < http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/homehygiene/Pages/Foodhygiene.aspx > | Low |
| Carbon Monoxide | Volunteers | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify possible sources of carbon monoxide on arrival Check safety and integrity of heating system with premises manager. Ensure some ventilation of sleeping facilities at all times. Watch for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (headache, dizziness, sleepiness) | Low |