

Tree planting and tree weeding risk assessment

How to use this Risk Assessment

This risk assessment document is for LCV Task Leaders. It identifies the common risks associated with the tree planting and tree weeding 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.



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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
Working on exposed sites (additional control measures)	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If working at a high level location ensure all volunteers are equipped with suitable waterproofs and warm clothing. Be alert to symptoms of hypothermia. 	Low
Twigs and branches	Volunteers	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise volunteers of risk to eyes from twigs, especially from blackthorns which infect easily. Provide eye protection for volunteers. 	Low