

MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK REGULATIONS 1999

GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT - FORM RA2

DEPARTMENT (1)	COMPANY NAME	REFERENCE NO.	RA32
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TASK / OPERATION BEING ASSESSED (2)	Clean Gutters from Tower Scaffold / Tube & Fitting (Plumbing).
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PURPOSE / METHOD OF WORK (3)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure van is loaded with correct tools and materials. 2. Check if tenants / property is 'listed' for abusive / violent behaviour. 3. Check information from client regarding asbestos content / confirmation of material to be worked on. 4. Check asbestos register (establishments and or domestic dwellings). 5. If asbestos is detected then seek clarification from your supervisor. 6. Ensure base is aware of your location. Proceed to property. If 'listed' seek advice of supervisor. 7. On arrival assess site conditions; look for any suspicious material to be worked on i.e. asbestos cement. 8. Use tower scaffold / tube & fitting access and working platform. Carry out cleaning operation. 9. Remove tools, leave tidy and remove access ladder to tower / scaffold.

SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS (4)
HASAW Act 1974 MHSWA 1999 Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations – 1996 COSHH Regulations 1994

LEVEL OF SKILL / TRAINING REQUIRED (5)
General awareness of hazards associated with this type of work. Tower scaffold / scaffold to be erected / altered / dismantled by a competent person, i.e. scaffolder.

CHEMICALS / MATERIALS INVOLVED (6)	HSC NO.	ASSESSMENT DATE
Micro-organisms		

SPECIFIC WORK EQUIPMENT PROVIDED (7)
Ladders Hand tools Tower scaffold Scaffold (tube & fitting)

MAIN HAZARDS IDENTIFIED (8)	WHO WILL BE AFFECTED (9)	CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK (10)
1. Falls from access equipment.	Employee / members of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure scaffold erected, documented and altered by competent personnel, i.e. scaffolder. • Work within confines of edge protection ensure double guardrail and toe board in situ. • Cordon area off with 2m fences e.g. heras, remove ladders over night, leaving site and sign with warning signs 'keep off'. • Ensure toe boards and debris net in place (where required). • Cordon area off around lifting zone and scaffold (e.g. 2m heras fence). • Do not move tower with personnel or tools on working platform.
2. Struck by falling objects.	Employee / members of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure toe boards and debris net in place (where required). • Cordon area off around lifting zone and scaffold (e.g. 2m heras fence). • Wear head protection when working on ground / risk of being struck. • Ensure tools are kept tidy & removed from platform when moving tower.
3. Strains / sprains from lifting / moving items, e.g. ladders / gutters.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic manual handling training. • Handle gutter sections in manageable pieces. Do not break / smash asbestos gutter.
4. Exposure to asbestos fibres.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information from client • Check appropriate register for content / location. • Inspect on site before commencing work, if asbestos is identified or suspected then ½ face / respirator, P3 filter and blue coverall to be worn. • Employees to have basic training in working with asbestos of this type and procedure to be adopted.
5. Slips and trips.	Employee / member of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure good housekeeping at site • If possible clear 'clutter' before commencing work, try to keep other persons away from work area.
6. Contact with overhead cables – telephone / power cables.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check prevailing site condition. • Take care when erecting / positioning ladder close to telephone cable. • Do not erect ladder in close proximity to power cables – seek advice from supervisor before commencing with work.
7. Cuts from gutter fixings & contents.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear gloves when cleaning stack. • Cover cuts / open wounds. • Wash / wipe hands before eating / drinking / smoking and after shift.
8. Verbal / Physical abuse.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure regular communication is maintained. • Violence awareness training for staff. • Visit site in pairs especially in suspect areas. • Withdraw from site if challenged or abuse likely.
9. Dog attack / bite.	Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for dog to be locked away or out of work area. • Withdraw from site if concerned.
10. Tower / Scaffold collapse.	Employee / members of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erected, dismantled and altered by a competent person i.e. scaffolder. • Tie tower / scaffold into structure (3:1 ratio). • Inspect before use (tube fitting), competent person. • Inspection daily by operatives before use for basic hazards. • Every 7 days or after inclement weather inspection by competent person and entered in appropriate register. • Check the condition and record inspection of tower scaffolds. • Do not overload tower / scaffold with personnel and materials. • Protect walkways with fan scaffold / debris nets.

MAIN HAZARDS IDENTIFIED (8)	WHO WILL BE AFFECTED (9)	CONTROL MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK (10)
11. Affecting traffic routes / pedestrian vehicle access.	Employee / members of the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If erecting tower / scaffold on highway require permit. • Barrier area off with barriers and cones to chapter 8 standards. • Provide safe alternative foot route using signs, barriers and cones to chapter 8 standards. • High light standards with paint or lighting where required.

MANUAL HANDLING RISK (11)	
Has a manual handling risk been identified?	YES / NO
Is the risk considered to be	LOW / MEDIUM / HIGH
Is a further detailed assessment required?	YES / NO
<p>If the answer to the above question is YES a separate manual handling assessment will be required to fulfil the requirements of the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992.</p>	

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (12)	
Safety footwear Gloves ½ face mask P3 filter with blue coverall for asbestos Head Protection	
Is training and instruction required?	YES / NO
Is there need for special accommodation?	YES / NO
Is there need for test / examination?	YES / NO
Is all P.P.E compatible?	YES / NO

FREQUENCY OF MONITORING (13)				
N / A	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	> 1 Year

ASSESSMENT REVIEW PERIOD				
< 1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	> 4 Years

Signed -----

Post/Title -----

Date -----