

Maintenance - No.49 Pressure Washer (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.55)

Hazards	Is the hazard present? Y/N	What is the risk?	Risk rating H = High M = Medium L = Low	Controls (When all controls are in place risk will be reduced)	Is this control in place?	Action/to do list/outstanding controls *Risk rating applies to outstanding controls outlined in this column	Person responsible	Signature and date when action completed
Defective equipment		Wounds	H	The washer is visually checked before each use				
		Burns	H	Defective equipment is taken out of use immediately and repaired by a competent person				
		Electrocution						
		Defective equipment leading to injury						
	H	Residual Circuit Device (RCD's) in use if electrical washer						
	H	The pressure washer is serviced annually and records of the service kept on file						
Strong spray from a pressure washer Steam		Cuts or injuries	H	The pressure washer lance is never pointed at others				
		Burns	M	When hosing the area is cordoned off so that pedestrians do not stray into area				
		Flying projectile	M	The lowest pressure suitable for the job is used to prevent the unnecessary production of aerosols				
		Infection from biological agents	M	Objects are never moved or pushed with spray from the washer				
			M	The jet is not directed at fragile surfaces				
Unsafe system of work completing drain cleaning and other general work using pressure washer		Infection from biological agents	H	Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided and worn				
			H	Washing facilities are available and are used if the operator is soiled during drain cleaning				
			H	Caretaker is aware that injury from a pressure washer jet might first appear minor at first and that treatment should not be delayed				

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Working at height		Fall from height	H	The pressure washer is not used while working on a ladder See 'Maintenance Risk Assessment No. 42 - Work at Height - Ladders'				
Unsafe use and storage		Slips, trips and falls	H	The hose is coiled neatly when in use and in storage				
Diesel fumes (enclosed space)		Asphyxiation	H	A diesel powered washer is not used in an enclosed space				
Electricity		Electrocution	H	The pressure washer is not used on electrical equipment, distribution boards and fuse boxes				
Confined space entry		Asphyxiation	H	Employees do not enter into manholes (specialist rescue equipment and oxygen depletion monitors are required)				

If there is one or more High Risk (H) actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. Medium Risk (M) actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. Low Risk (L) actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

Date: / /