


GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT GR01: GENERAL SAFETY ON SITE


ACTIVITY ASSESSED	ASSESSMENT DATE	
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ACTIVITY LOCATION	ALL SITES	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons		ASSESSED BY
risk level: generally moderate except as indicated		GRASSROOTS

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION	<p>Slips, trips and falls</p> <p>Lifting & carrying</p> <p>Tool use</p> <p>Personal safety</p> <p>Minor injuries</p> <p>Hygiene</p> <p>Food borne illness</p> <p>Contact with soil borne micro-organisms</p> <p>Contact with underground services: electricity , gas, water</p> <p>Contact with moving traffic</p>
HAZARD OR HAZARDOUS EVENT	PRECAUTIONS
Slips, trips and falls	Inspect site and clear/mark inherent trip hazards Keep site, tools and materials tidy
Eye injuries	From overhead braches; overgrown paths; long grass & other plants; flying debris; tools
General manual handling	Plan in advance any lifting of heavy or awkward items Train all in safe lifting, carrying & moving techniques Designate people to load and unload tools Provide carrying aids, e.g. wheelbarrow Heavy items will be carried between two people Limit number of tools any one individual carries If sustained , repetitive or very heavy manual handling is to be carried out, a detailed Manual Handling Assessment will be undertaken
Contact with hand tools	Tools will have been inspected by Tools Officer before allocation to task Tools are maintained off site Tool talk to be held at start of all tasks Train all on site in correct tool use, according to TCV booklet 'Hand Tools- a guide to safe use and care' No gloves to be worn when using swinging tools; GR will not work in areas where plant sap is likely to present a hazard Sturdy footwear with a firm grip must be worn
Personal safety	Leave no-one isolated on site; volunteers to be advised that they are to remain in contact/sight at all times & be mindful of drifting away; check location of volunteers at regular intervals Volunteers responsible for personal items Leader to have mobile phone at all times, checking that signal is present before relying on this for safety GR does not support lone working; there must be at least two volunteers in any part of the site that is likely to be out of sight of the main group

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Food borne illness	Instruct all to wash/clean hands before eating or drinking; GR will have a supply of hand wipes Ensure any cuts are protected from contact with food; GR has a first aid kit available at all times Volunteers will bring their own food & utensils and are responsible for ensuring they are clean, etc.
Contact with soil borne micro-organisms	Participants must be advised to have Tetanus inoculation Any broken skin must be covered before work Any cut received must be promptly cleaned and covered; GR has a first aid kit available at all times If hazardous substances are found on site, work will cease and the land manager informed
Contact with infectious diseases	Depending on site conditions: Leptospirosis/Weil's Disease Tick-borne infections/Lyme Disease
Contact with underground services: electricity , gas, water	GR do not normally work in areas with underground services
Contact with general public	GR have rarely experienced any aggressive behavior from members of the public GR are keen to inform the general public about our work and the specific tasks we are involved in; we usually have copies of our information leaflet available that may be offered to anyone stopping to chat; also mention the website and our Facebook page On public sites, volunteers should be aware that members of the public may stop to ask questions about the work; most volunteers will be able to answer any general queries and can direct people to the task leader for more detailed information Should there be any problem of a threatening nature, the volunteer should move away and advise the task leader who will decide if any action is necessary The task leader must have a mobile phone available in case help is needed
Contact with moving traffic	GR do not normally work in areas at risk from moving traffic; occasionally, access is limited and vehicles have to be parked on the road Volunteers to wear hi-vis waistcoat closed @front to ensure visibility in all circumstances when working on public roads Unloading and reloading of vehicle/s will be arranged so people and materials/ tools are well clear of passing traffic Post a lookout able to halt unloading/loading