


ACTIVITY ASSESSED		ASSESSMENT DATE	
WALLING	page 1 of 1	AUGUST 2014	
ACTIVITY LOCATION	<b>ALL SITES</b>	DATE FOR RE-ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED BY
persons at risk: all volunteers; especially young persons			<b>GRASSROOTS</b>
risk level: generally moderate except as indicated			

<b>VOLUNTEER INFORMATION</b>	<b>Manual handling</b> <b>Crush injuries</b> <b>Slips, trips and falls</b> <b>Airborne particles</b> <b>Impact injuries</b> <b>Restricted space</b> <b>Roadside working</b>
<b>HAZARD OR HAZARDOUS EVENT</b>	<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>
Manual handling High risk of injury	Handling of each stone should be given some thought before lifting and moving it Volunteers to be advised to minimise the time spent holding & handling each stone If possible, larger, heavier or more awkwardly-shaped stones should be located in lower courses Larger stones should be handled by two persons where possible or handled in stages Avoid/minimise bending & leaning over the wall while holding stones Take adequate breaks
Crush injuries High risk of injury	All participants must wear footwear with a good grip giving robust protection to foot and ankle All working directly with large and heavy stones must wear steel toe-capped boots Wear leather gloves to handle all stones Before starting ensure that any existing wall is not liable to collapse In wet weather cease work Stacking of materials must be secure and minimised when close to ongoing work Minimum distances apart of workers to be maintained
Slips, trips and falls	Cease work on steep slopes if ground slippery with rain or rubble Clearly mark any trench Inspect site and clear/ mark inherent trips hazards Lay stones out tidily allowing access to the wall, through site & adequate working space Identify/mark clearly and cordon off as necessary all stone and waste piles Where necessary erect barrier tape and hazard signs to prevent public access
Airborne particles High risk of injury	Wear impact resistant goggles , BS EN 166, if using chisel or trimming stone Work with back to wind
Impact injuries High risk of injury	In most cases, work stone with walling hammer to minimise use of chisels Heavyweight gloves to be worn on 'holding' hand when using chisels Large chisels to have guards
Restricted space	Ensure safe working distances are adhered to - see <b>BTCV handbook Dry Stone Walling</b> Keep strict limit on numbers in confined areas , and keep others away
Roadside working	Hi-vis vests must be worn Site to be cordoned off with enough space to move people, tools & stones safely Task leader to ensure a look out is maintained wrt traffic

This assessment is based on information from The Conservation Volunteers as amended for GrassRoots Conservation Group activities.

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