

Risk assessment

Ref no: RA56	Area: Cleaning Debris from Around	Assessor: Ian Warne, Finance &
	Manholes	Operations Director
		Re-Assessed: Clare Crouch, Ops Man.
	Date of Re-Assessment: 24/08/20	Assessment date: Ad Hoc Assessment –
		Review before next use

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	Existing Control measures	Residual risk L/M/H	Action by who?
Manual	Employees	• Two man lift at all times		
Handling		Manhole cover to be placed on wooden bearers to prevent crush injuries		
	Musculoskeletal injuries	Gloves and protective shoes to be worn at all times		
	from poor manual	All staff trained in manual handling		
	handling and crush injuries	• Ensure suitable weather conditions during work (i.e. clear and dry), cease work if		
	from dropping manhole	weather conditions unsuitable (i.e. wet and windy)		
	cover	Instruction, information, training and supervision.		
Slips, Trips	Employees, Visitors and	Cones to identify working area and possible trip hazards and open manholes		
and Falls	Contractors	 Work areas to be kept free from trip hazards and regularly checked 		
		Use appropriate signage		
	Musculoskeletal injuries	Use a third person to monitor and direct traffic		
	death	• Isolate the working area where possible		
		 Instruction, information, training and supervision. 		
Traffic	Employees, Visitors,	Cone work area off		
	Contractors	Wear high visibility clothing		
		Use appropriate signage		
	Musculoskeletal injuries,	Use a third person to monitor and direct traffic		
	death	• Isolate the working area where possible		
		 Notify all staff by email of when and where the work will take place and of work completion 		
		Instruction, information, training and supervision		

Working at	Employee, Visitors,	Open manhole to be covered with metal sheet during cleaning process	
Height when	Contractors	Only small area to be left uncovered and cleaned at a time	
working		Instruction, information, training and supervision	
around open	Musculoskeletal injuries,		
manhole	death		
Hand Tools	Employees	Correct tool to be used for the job	
		Visual inspection before use	
	Injuries from incorrect use		
	of tools	Only trained, competent and approved staff to use the equipment	
		Instruction, information, training and supervision.	

Ensure the risk control still applies, if not contact the relevant department				
T	(name) do hereby declare that I have received, understood and will abide by the			
contents of this Risk Assessment.				
Signed:	Date:			

HOW TO CALCULATE A RISK RATING

	\	5	10	15	20	25
		4	8	12	16	20
SEVERITY		3	6	9	12	15
		2	4	6	8	10
		1	2	3	4	5

Risk rating	Action and timescale
15 and above	Unacceptable
	Work may not start. Additional
	controls must be introduced to
	reduce risk rating to below 9.
9-14	Tolerable
	Additional controls must be
	introduced as soon as possible.
5-8	Tolerable
	Additional controls may be
	needed
4 or below	Acceptable

LIKELIHOOD

Likelihood	Severity
1 = extremely unlikely	1 = very minor injury
2 = unlikely	2 = first aid injury
3 = possible	3 = lost time injury
4 = likely	4 = hospital treatment
5 = very probable	5 = disabling injury

1-4 =	Low risk
6-9 =	Medium risk
10- 25=	High risk