

RISK ASSESSMENT

Assessment Title:	<i>Using Knives / Sharp Implements</i>	Reference Number:	RA011.01
		Company Name:	Oakbank Plant Hire Ltd
		Department / Location:	Plant Workshop

Risk Assessment Matrix

Risk Ratings Highlighted in 'Orange' are to be discussed– potential improvements. Risk Ratings Highlighted in 'Red' need immediate action.

Risk = Likelihood x Consequence (Multiply 'X' axis by 'Y' axis)		Consequence (Y)	Catastrophic (5)	5	10	15	20	25
1 – 4	Acceptable		Major (4)	4	8	12	16	20
5 – 9	Adequate		Moderate (3)	3	6	9	12	15
10 – 15	Tolerable		Minor (2)	2	4	6	8	10
16 – 25	Unacceptable		Insignificant (1)	1	2	3	4	5
			Remote (1)	Unlikely (2)	Possible (3)	Probable (4)	Certain (5)	
			Likelihood (X)					

Any queries arising from this risk assessment shall be addressed immediately with Line Management / Health & Safety Manager



Hazard(s)	Risks of Harm	Persons at Risk	Risk Rating(s)			Existing Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating(s)		
	<i>Related to hazard identified</i>	<i>Persons at risk from identified hazards</i>	X	Y	R	<i>Existing controls measures implemented when carrying out task or using associated plant / tooling</i>	X	Y	R
Knives Blades / Sharp Points	Cuts / lacerations / punctures / amputations	Person using knives and any person affected by their actions	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorised staff only are permitted to use knives. Only staff who have undertaken inhouse training in the safe use of knives relevant to the task are classed as 'authorised' persons. • All knives are subject to a visual inspection by operator prior to use and any defects to be reported to the Supervisor / Line Manager immediately. • When trimming / cutting ensure knives are directed away from the body when in use. • Equipment is to be held by the handle only. • Equipment is to be sheathed / covered when moving / carrying. • Equipment is to be well maintained and appropriate for the task. • Equipment must only be used for its intended purpose, as per the manufacturer's instructions. • Persons using knives to wear the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non – Slip Steel Toe Capped Footwear • Any other PPE relevant to the work area • Knives / sharp implements are to be safely stored when not in use. • Access to storage areas is to be restricted to authorised persons only. 	2	4	8
First Aid – Injury	Lack of immediate access to first aid treatment	Person using knives and any person affected by their actions	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate number of trained first aiders to be on site at all times. • Suitably stocked first aid kit to be available at all times. • All persons to be informed of details of first aiders on site / first aid kit locations. • In the event of an injury / accident, first aider is to assess / supervise as required. • Checks to be made to ensure first aid kits are suitably stocked and replenished. 	2	3	6