

RA40	RISK ASSESSMENT	 Home Heating and Energy Solutions
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Operation/Activity:	Use of Knives and Blades
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Site / Location:	All Sites
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Persons at Risk (tick appropriate boxes)			
Employee	✓	Pregnant Women	
Visitor	✓	Disabled Persons	
General Public	✓	Lone Workers	✓
Young Persons		Others	

GUIDE TO RATINGS:

Risk Severity		Risk Likelihood		Risk Rating	
1	Negligible	1	Unlikely	1 - 6	Low
2	Minor	2	Possible	7 - 14	Medium
3	Significant	3	Quite Possible	15 - 25	High
4	Major	4	Likely		
5	Catastrophic	5	Very Likely		

Overall Risk Rating = Low

Describe the hazards associated with the activity/operation.						
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			Summary of Assessment Overleaf			
		Risk Rating (Before Controls)	Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Risk (L x S)	Risk Rating
H1	Contact injuries – cuts, abrasions etc	Medium	2	2	4	Low
H2	Slips, trip and falls	Medium	2	2	4	Low
H3	Strains to back/joints through long term use	Medium	2	2	4	Low

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Hazard	Risk Control Measures	Residual Risk		
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk
General	- Priority should be given to the use of safety knives. - Specific training should be given to all operatives to ensure they are competent and following a correct working practice when dealing with knives or bladed equipment. Any apprentice or unqualified person should be suitably supervised until deemed competent.			
	A suitably qualified person should be available to carry out First Aid if required and have formal training and knowledge of treating cuts, dealing with emergency, etc.			
	All employees should be made aware of the hazards and risks associated with knives and bladed equipment.			
H1 Contact injuries- cuts / abrasions	Routine maintenance checks should be carried out on any blades or equipment before use (e.g. brief visual inspection) and any defects reported immediately.	2	2	4
	All operatives will wear PPE – e.g. chain mail gloves if appropriate and maintain these in good order. Any defects should be reported as soon as they arise.			
	In general, no knives should leave the working area. Knives required on site should be suitably sheathed, retracted or carried within a suitable container whilst in transit.			
	Knives and other bladed equipment should be appropriately stored and kept out of the reach of children.			
H2 Slips, trips and falls	Employees should maintain a 'cleans as you go' policy to avoid a build-up of rubbish, cuttings, etc. which may become a hazard. Good housekeeping routines should be in force at all times to minimise the risk of slips, trips, falls etc.	2	2	4
	The working area should be properly lit and well maintained.			
H3 Strains to back/joints due to long term use	The working areas should not restrict movement or cause poor posture.	2	2	4