

Maintenance - No.40 Pressure Washer (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.69)

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Defective equipment		Wounds	H	The washer is visually checked before each use				
		Burns	H	Defective equipment is taken out of use immediately and repaired by a competent person				
		Electrocution	H	Residual Circuit Device (RCD's) in use if electrical washer				
		Defective equipment leading to injury	H	The pressure washer is serviced annually and records of the service kept on file				
Strong spray from a pressure washer Steam		Cuts or injuries	H	The pressure washer lance is never pointed at others				
		Burns	M	When hosing the area is cordoned off so that pedestrians do not stray into area				
		Flying projectile	M	The lowest pressure suitable for the job is used to prevent the unnecessary production of aerosols				
		Infection from biological agents	M	Objects are never moved or pushed with spray from the washer				
			M	The jet is not directed at fragile surfaces				
Unsafe system of work completing drain cleaning and other general work using pressure washer		Infection from biological agents	H	Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided and worn				
			H	Washing facilities are available and are used if the operator is soiled during drain cleaning				
			H	Caretaker is aware that injury from a pressure washer jet might first appear minor at first and that treatment should not be delayed				

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Working at height		Fall from height	H	The pressure washer is not used while working on a ladder See 'Maintenance Risk Assessment No. 43 - Work at Height - Ladders'				
Unsafe use and storage		Slips, trips and falls	H	The hose is coiled neatly when in use and in storage				
Diesel fumes (enclosed space)		Asphyxiation	H	A diesel powered washer is not used in an enclosed space				
Electricity		Electrocution	H	The pressure washer is not used on electrical equipment, distribution boards and fuse boxes				
Confined space entry		Asphyxiation	H	Employees do not enter into manholes (specialist rescue equipment and oxygen depletion monitors are required)				

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. **Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

Date: / /