



# Risk Assessment

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Issue 01 Dated Oct 2020

Operation / Task:	Electricity	Name of Assessor:	Rhys Milton
Assessment Ref:	RA020	Date of Assessment:	02.01.2024
Persons at Risk:	ASW Employees	Reviewed by	R. Milton
Location / Area:	ASW Health and Safety Assessment 2024	Review date	31.12.2024

Ref	Activity	Hazard	Risk	Pre-Control Risk Rating			Control Measures	Post-Control Risk Rating			Comment
				L	S	LxS		L	S	LxS	
1	<b>Working with or near electricity and electrical equipment</b>	electric shock and burns from contact with live parts/ poorly maintained equipment/bad housekeeping	Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	<p>Only competent and trained personnel to carry out task. 110V equipment to be used at all times.</p> <p>Pre-User equipment checks to take place prior to use.</p> <p>All portable equipment to be PAT tested every six months.</p> <p>Electricity power source should be dead – tested as dead before works commencement. Locked out and Tagged Out so others are aware of ongoing works.</p> <p>Permit to Work system to be followed where applicable.</p> <p>Appropriate PPE to be worn and where necessary extra precautions should be taken (i.e. rubber mat).</p> <p>Seek Emergency Help if person suffers electric shock and burns</p>	1	5	5	
		injury from electrical arcing including Overhead Power cables	Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	<p>Overhead Power Cables are usually un-insulated (bare conductors). The distance that the arc can jump depends on the voltage and environmental factors (e.g. humidity).</p> <p>No electrical work to take place at height in wet/damp/humid surroundings close to Power cables.</p> <p>Ensure a safe distance away from overhead cables i.e. when erecting/ working on scaffold.</p> <p>If works are necessary, isolate the power supply when working in the vicinity of power lines or sleeve low-voltage lines.</p> <p>Seek Emergency Help if person suffers electric shock and burns</p>	1	5	5	
		Fire or explosion from faulty electrical equipment or installations	Major or fatal injury to worker and others in area	4	5	20	<p>Electrical installation and the electrical equipment must be: suitable for its intended use and the conditions in which it is operated only used for its intended purpose</p> <p>Only competent and trained personnel to carry out task. 110V equipment to be used at all times.</p> <p>Pre-User equipment checks to take place prior to use.</p> <p>All portable equipment to be PAT tested every six months.</p> <p>Seek Emergency Help if person suffers burns</p>	1	5	5	
		static electricity igniting flammable vapours or dusts	Major or fatal injury to worker and others in area	4	5	20	<p>Measures must be taken to eliminate or reduce dust when using electrical equipment (i.e. drilling).</p> <p>Seek Emergency Help if person suffers burns.</p>	1	5	5	
		Secondary effects i.e. fall from height after electric shock	Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	<p>Ensure suitable equipment being used correctly for task (non-metallic ladders when working with electricity).</p>	1	5	5	

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		Contact with Underground Power Cables	Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	Digging Permit to Work system must be implemented and followed. Only trained and competent personnel to perform task. Obtain existing plans/surveys/drawings to establish location of underground power cables. CAT Scan area and mark out areas of concern. Buried services should be uncovered by hand-digging. Continue to CAT scan at different depts.. Exposed services should be identified and clearly labelled. Support if necessary. Digging with mechanical equipment can commence once above completed.	1	5	5	
		Hidden electrical cables (walls)	Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	Only trained and competent personnel to perform task. Electrical wires/cables generally run vertically in line with plug sockets.	1	5	5	
2	<b>Emergency Procedures following Electrical incident</b>		Major or fatal injury	4	5	20	DO NOT TOUCH THEM. CALL FOR HELP. TURN OFF POWER SUPPLY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, USE A NON CONDUCTING ITEM (I.E. WOODEN BRUSH) TO MOVE VICTIM AWAY FROM POWER SOURCE. CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE. CHECK BREATHING. IF BREATHING – RECOVERY POSITION. IF NOT, APPLY CPR. TREAT ANY OBVIOUS BURNS. TREAT FOR SHOCK. MUST RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT (DAMAGE COULD BE INTENAL).	1	5	5	

<u>Likelihood</u>	<u>Severity</u>	<u>Risk factor</u> (Likelihood x Severity)	
1 = Highly unlikely	1 = Insignificant	High Risk = 15-25	Unacceptable Risk. If Post Control risk, work must not commence.
2 = Unlikely	2 = Injury (first aid, no lost time)	Medium Risk = 8-12	If Post Control risk, high level of discipline required & monitoring to consider further controls where possible
3 = Possible	3 = Lost time injury	Low Risk = 1-6	Acceptable Risk assuming all controls in place effectively and workforce aware
4 = Probable	4 = Major injury / disabling condition		
5 = Inevitable	5 = Fatality		

**I have read and understand the requirements of this risk assessment.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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