

Risk assessment – Tree Planting

All employers must conduct a risk assessment. If you have fewer than five employees you don't have to write anything down.

Company name: **MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Date of risk assessment: **August 2024**

TREE PLANTING

No.	Hazard Description	How could harm occur?	Who could be harmed?	Control measures to be implemented	H/M/L
1	Injury from oncoming vehicles (if working on the highway / other locations where there are moving vehicles)	Hit by vehicle	Pedestrians All involved	Hi Vis jackets worn by all on site Other PPE provided including steel capped boots, hard hats (if required) Warning signs erected in planting on highway verge Nominated person to watch out for pedestrians and traffic	M
2	Uneven ground / slippery surfaces	Falls from uneven/wet ground	All involved	Suitable clothing and footwear to be worn Inspect area prior to working – if too uneven/wet defer working until rectified	L
3	Injury from use of hand tools	Misuse of equipment	All involved	Inspect hand tools for condition Brief induction on correct use First Aid kit on site Mobile Phones available to call for emergency services	L
4	Manual handling	Muscular injury	All involved	Work in pairs Lift only manageable items Use mechanical aids if necessary	L
5	Volunteer vehicles	Obstruction of highway causing pedestrians into road	Pedestrians	Keep all vehicles within the working area and off the highway if possible and on the same side of the road Cordon off area/signage of alternative route	L
6	Underground cabling	Electric shock Escaped gas	All involved	Obtain information from utility services prior to any excavation If required hand-dig (using wooden handled tools) trial holes Use contractor if cabling found Establish whether power lines or telephone cables in close vicinity of works If power lines, consult the utility company for advice If necessary, establish safety zone to ensure clearance	L

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7	Use of power tools/diggers	Injury by misuse of equipment	All involved	Only those qualified to operate power tools permitted To be covered by own insurance Not to be used if underground services are located at the site	L