

SITE SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT - BRUSH CUTTERS WITH METAL OR RIGID NYLON BLADES / HEDGE TRIMMERS



Address: Millennium Wood West Haddon Road, Crick, Northants		Latitude, Longitude: 52.354124, -1.1230230	OS reference: SP 598 732
Nearest Postcode: NN6 7XT	What3words: thinks.shepherds.protect	Emergency Vehicle Access Point	
Helicopter Landing Area: YES	Nearest Hospitals: Rugby St Cross Hospital	Telephone: 01788 572 831	
	Coventry University Hospital	024 7696 4000	
	Northampton General Hospital	01604 634 700	
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Emergency Vehicle Access to Millennium Wood via The Old Lodge access track

HAZARDS	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED	CONTROL MEASURES/PRECAUTIONS
General machine operation and handling	Volunteers, members of the general public	Qualified or authorised trained operators only
Contact with fast moving and sharp blades	Volunteers, members of the general public	Be aware of all persons nearby and their movements. Stop operations if in doubt
Slips and trips or falls on uneven or slippery ground	Volunteers	Tidy site, adequate safety footwear. Cancel/curtail work in adverse weather
Underground services	Volunteers	Water service pipes by MW container
Public Access Tracks	Volunteers and pedestrians being struck by material ejected from the blades	Banksmen, warning signs and barrier tape as required.
First Aid	All persons	Comprehensive First Aid kit in JW container with additional personal kits available when required
Illness from pre-existing medical conditions	Volunteers	Duty Officer to confirm with participants any medical conditions or medication
Risk of injury and infection from cuts, splinters or foreign bodies	Volunteers	All participants to wear appropriate PPE, long sleeved tops and trousers, safety footwear
Risk of back or muscular injury moving heavy equipment	Volunteers	All participants to use correct manual handling techniques, machine harnesses where required. Fitness to work
Injury from tools, materials or other equipment	Volunteers	Safe working practices to be followed, suitable PPE worn. Tools and materials to be stored safely in designated areas
Poisoning or skin damage from hazardous or toxic plant material	Volunteers	Duty Officer to identify and mark any hazardous plant material prior to activity
Vibration	Volunteers	Operator to take a minimum of 10 minutes break after one hour working
Noise	Volunteers	Hard hats with ear defenders and visors must be worn at all times while operating machinery
Fire and contamination	Volunteers	Fuel to be in appropriate containers away from the working area. Be aware of hot exhaust when refuelling on a spill mat
Transporting sharp tools	Volunteers	Ensure blades are guarded or sheathed and carried facing down and away from the body

IN THE EVENT OF ANY EMERGENCY OR INCIDENT - THE ASSEMBLY POINT WILL BE : MILLENNIUM WOOD CONTAINER

DECLARATION	I understand the Site Specific Risk Assessment that has been carried out relating to Millennium Woods. I have received information regarding action to be taken in the event of fire, medical emergency, accident reporting and recording. I declare that I am fit to take part in the planned activities and informed the Duty Officer of all medical conditions that may affect my ability to perform the tasks involved. I will inform the Duty Officer if any further risk is identified.
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