

Designer Contracts Ltd

Risk Assessment

Reference: GEN-Removing / Uplifting Vinyl, Sheets & Tiles

Title	Removing / Uplifting Vinyl, Sheets & Tiles – General Risk Assessment	Date Of Assessment	Thu 13 Aug 2026
Site	Designer Contracts Ltd	Location	All Sites
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Non-Employees Involved	–	People At Risk	Contractors, Employees
Task Description	General Risk Assessment		
Review Date	Sun 01 Aug 2027	Reviewer	Laura Cross

Hazards

Hazard	Falling Objects
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Always wear correct PPE and adhere to site management traffic plan. 2. PPE to be checked and in good order.

Hazard	Slips, Trips & Falls
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Uneven surfaces – The risk of these can be reduced by providing walkways that are clearly designated as walkways, having good conditions underfoot, and being well lit. 2. Obstacles – Instances of slipping and tripping over obstacles can be dramatically reduced by everyone keeping their work and storage areas tidy and designating specific areas for waste collection 3. Wet or slippery surfaces – If a surface is slippery with mud it should be treated with stone, and if it is slippery with ice it should be treated with grit. Any areas that are slippery should be signposted. Ensure you stick to marked walkways when onsite to avoid trips and slips. 4. Trailing cables – Cordless tools should be used where possible. If this is not possible, cables should be run at high levels. 5. Report any unsafe work areas immediately. Ensure the area worked in, is clean before work commences and is left clean and tidy after completion. Observe/Obey any site Health & Safety posters/information/instruction, at all times. In the event of an accident please report to the first aider and report it to the Designer Contracts Office. 6. If using stairs, ensure the area is clear of obstruction and always ask for assistance if required

Hazard	Electricity
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Use 110 volt tools and a transformer or battery powered tools or a circuit breaker for any 240 volt tools . 2. Ensure portable appliances are PAT tested every 3 months and in date. 3. Adhere to site briefs relating to electrical works being carried out (if applicable). 4. Request power supply to be switched off if cutting around electricity sources.

Hazard	Event of Fire
Risk Of Harm	Damage to self, others and other areas around you.
Existing Control Measures	1. Request power supply to be switched off if cutting around electricity sources. 2. It is good practice to confirm location of nearest Fire Extinguisher before works commencing. 3. Always ensure acceptable standard of housekeeping.

Hazard	Moving objects / vehicles
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to self and others
Existing Control Measures	1. Avoid working close to the moving object. Be vigilant of their surroundings, especially if the object does not have lights or beepers. 2. Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as a high visibility jacket, to ensure you are visible. 3. Ensure you are aware of the traffic management rules/system on display in site office, and park in designated areas

Hazard	Waste Materials
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to self and others
Existing Control Measures	1. Ensure good personal housekeeping is maintained at all times. 2. Bring to the attention of site management any concerns regarding untidy housekeeping. 3. Remove excess materials from property and ensure that all blunt blades are also removed from the property and taken back to Designer Contracts warehouse for safe disposal

Hazard	Manual handling
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self and others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Follow appropriate manual handling techniques at all times – see separate manual handling risk assessment. Ensure 2-man lift where necessary 2. Ensure safety boots are worn at all times

Hazard	Airborne fibres and materials and dust
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to self and others
Existing Control Measures	1. Make sure there is proper ventilation. 2. Sweeping – the HSE say to avoid sweeping where possible so M-Class hoovers must be used at every opportunity and also to attach to tools that generate dust if they have an attachment for this. 3. If you cannot attach the M-Class Hoover to the tool, powered respirator hoods (with facial Hair) and FFP3 masks (clean shaven) must be worn, (Face fit) certificates to be provided to site for the FFP3 wearers. 4. If there are any dangerous fumes, workers should not be allowed to enter any confined space under such circumstances. 5. Separate Using M Class Dust Extraction Risk Assessment to be issued and read by users.

Hazard	Sprains, Strains and Pains
Risk Of Harm	Serious injury to self
Existing Control Measures	1. Always adhere to Manual Handling training methods and Risk Assessment. 2. Most cases can be avoided by providing suitable lifting equipment that is regularly maintained.

Hazard	Noise
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to yourself or others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Provide appropriate PPE where necessary. Stay away from sources of excessive noise. 2. A noise assessment should be done from time to time (Inform Site management if working in the vicinity of excess noise)

Hazard	Lone Working
Risk Of Harm	No one may be aware if you are injured
Existing Control Measures	1. Inform site management should you be required to work alone. 2. Keep in contact with regional office.

Hazard	Loading / Unloading
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to yourself or others.
Existing Control Measures	1. Before loading /unloading materials required for works, make site management aware and adhere to instructions given. 2. A plan may be needed for traffic management to be halted, minimised or made safe.

Hazard	Knife & Saw
Risk Of Harm	Cuts & Lacerations
Existing Control Measures	1. Level 5 Cut resistance safety gloves and sleeves must be worn when cutting. 2. Ensure operatives hand and body parts are kept clear of moving blade during operation 3. Ensure constant eye contact is made with saw and item being sawn as distractions can cause you to loose control of equipment 4. Condition of blades and knives to be inspected prior to use.

Hazard	Bolster
Risk Of Harm	serious injury to self
Existing Control Measures	1. Ensure the bolster is suitable for the task in hand and is only used for its intended purpose. 2. Check bolster is in good condition prior to use. 3. Keep body parts clear of impact area

Hazard	Hammer & Mallett
Risk Of Harm	Strike from hammer
Existing Control Measures	1. Check general state of hammer before use. Attention to be paid to handle condition and grip. Head of hammer is firmly attached to handle 2. Keep work area well lit and free from debris 3. Select a hammer that is comfortable to use and is the right size and weight for the task 4. Be aware of your surroundings and other workers 5. Use of correct PPE at all times

Hazard	Mechanical Scraper
Risk Of Harm	Serious harm to self and others
Existing Control Measures	1. Always use Correct PPE 2. Do not use for prolonged periods of time. 3. Keep children and bystanders away whilst operating power tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control 4. Do not wear loose clothing or jewellery. Keep clothing and hair away from moving parts 5. Do not operate power tool in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases or dust. Power tools create sparks which may ignite 6. Avoid unintentionally starting. Make sure that the switch is in the off position before plugging the tool into the mains, carrying or picking it up. Remove any adjusting key or wrench before turning the power tool on. 7. Never use the cord for carrying, pulling or unplugging the tools. Keep the cord away from heat, lubricants, edges and moving parts 8. Do not expose the Stripper to moisture or water 9. Stay alert. Do not use when tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol or medication 10. Check for damage before using. Do not use if damaged. Regular inspection and cleaning should be carried out to ensure the tool is in good working order. 11.Keep work area clean and well lit

Hazard	Transformer
Risk Of Harm	Electric Shock and injury to self
Existing Control Measures	1. Pre-Use Checks: Inspect the plug, cable, sockets, and casing for cracks or exposed wires before powering on. Quarantine damaged units immediately. 2. Load Management: Verify that total tool wattage remains below the transformer rating. 3. Placement & Environment: Position the transformer on a clear, dry, and stable surface away from wet locations and vulnerable floor coverings that might suffer heat damage. 4. Ensure the unit undergoes regular Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) per workplace safety policies.