

## RISK ASSESSMENT

**Premises:**

**Work Activity:** Painting and Decorating

**Assessor(s):**

**Date:**

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**Review date:**

1. What could go wrong / factors to consider ?	2. Who might be harmed ?	3. Control measures at present	4. Further action required (if any)
<p>Working at Height</p> <p>Manual Handling</p> <p>Sanding down woodwork etc. before painting</p> <p>Moving about in general</p> <p>Use of flammable materials such as paint thinners etc</p>		<p>See generic working at height risk assessment</p> <p>See generic manual handling risk assessment</p> <p>All volunteers to wear respiratory protection when sanding down old painted surfaces, woodwork, metal work etc. All dusts to be dampened down before sweeping up.</p> <p>Floor surfaces to be kept in a good clean condition. Spilled paint and liquids will be cleaned up immediately. Work areas to be cordoned off to prevent access by other people.</p> <p>Flammable liquids to be kept to a minimum on site and kept locked in a flameproof cabinet when not in use. Naked flames (e.g. from blow lamps etc.) to be kept away from the area where flammable liquids are being used/stored. Volunteers to be made aware of fire prevention methods associated with their work. All rags and cleaning cloths used with flammable liquids to be placed in a flameproof, lidded container after use. Containers to be kept away from naked flames. All such rags and cleaning cloths etc. to be disposed of properly.</p>	

Using paints and varnishes etc		<p>Where possible, paints and varnishes etc. of a non-hazardous type to be used.</p> <p>Volunteers to be instructed to read the safety label on all paint and varnish etc. containers before use.</p> <p>Where a substance is identified as hazardous, COSHH assessment to be carried out and specific control measures introduced.</p> <p>Volunteers to wear the relevant personal protective equipment when carrying out painting tasks, including coveralls, gloves, eyeshields etc.</p> <p>All splashes on the skin to be treated immediately.</p>	
Use of cutting tools during wallpapering		<p>Volunteers to use decorator's scissors for cutting wallpaper.</p> <p>The use of knives to be prohibited / closely supervised.</p>	