

Allotments Risk Assessment

Hazard	Nature of Risk	Level	Control Measures
Machinery	<p>To user: Operating machinery carries a medium level of risk unless the appropriate safety equipment is worn and the machinery is operated correctly. Injuries to hands, feet and face need to be guarded against.</p> <p>To other tenants and visitors: When strimmers and mowing machines are being used on an adjacent plot, stones and other flying objects can cause injuries to the face.</p> <p>To children: Children can act unpredictably exposing themselves to risk from machinery</p>	<p>M</p> <p>L</p> <p>H</p>	<p>Instructions for the use of machinery lie with the owner/operator. It is a requirement that tenants wear the recommended safety equipment when operating machinery (irrespective of the owner).</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the operator to take due care.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the tenant to ensure that children are supervised. No children to operate machinery.</p>
Garden Tools & Equipment	Injuries to hands and feet if equipment is not used correctly	L	Appropriate gloves & footwear worn as necessary. Garden tools and equipment should not be left on common paths or left available for others to use.
Overhanging branches	Overhanging branches can cause injuries to tenants, visitors and children.	L	Regular inspection by Shipton PC. Tenants to report any problems
Security of site	Vandalism / Theft	M	Padlock on gate when not in use. Tenants advised not to keep anything valuable on site and to have their tools security marked
Paths	<p>Slip hazards - paths can be slippery when wet</p> <p>Trip hazards – tools on paths, uneven surfaces</p>	M	<p>Paths to be kept trimmed during growing season</p> <p>Regular inspection by Shipton PC</p>

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Accumulation of rubbish and noncompostable material	Could become a slip/trip hazard	L	Regular inspection by Shipton PC Tenants to report any problems
Dangerous/ hazardous substances	Burns, irritation, allergies etc	M	All chemicals, sprayers etc should be used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. If chemicals are held on site, they should be stored securely and clearly identifiable Take constant care and be vigilant when using things like petrol or weed killers
Manure heap	No risk	L	Regular inspection by Shipton PC. Tenants to report any problems.
Water trough	Legionella	L	Sign water trough "NOT SAFE FOR DRINKING"
Bonfires	There is an inherent danger in a bonfire spreading if unattended	M	It is the responsibility of the tenant to conform to the rules covering bonfires. Children must always be supervised .
Unoccupied / untidy plots	Could become overgrown & then slip/trip hazard	L	Regular inspection by Shipton PC. Tenants to report any problems. Grounds maintenance company are contracted to cut back overgrown plots twice a year
Rats	Rats can carry Weil's disease. Although this is rare it is a serious disease	M	Tenants to report any problems to Shipton PC. If rat poison has been laid down, notices are to be displayed to inform other tenants.