

Science Practical Risk Assessment

School of Maths & Science	Practical Activity Title	Beetroot Assessment (MAS_SP_0003_beetroot_assessment)				Risk Assessment No. MAS_RA_0003_beetroot_assessment
Location	Biology Lab. NB124					
Assessment Performed By	Dr. Diana Wassell	Signature:		Date:	29-Nov-2007	
Supported By	Gareth John	Signature:		Date:	29-Nov-2007	
Approved By	Brian Harris (H.o.S.)	Signature:		Date:	29-Nov-2007	
Date of Re-assessment (if necessary)	Re-assess if any changes to procedure or equipment / chemicals are made.					

HAZARDS TO BE CONSIDERED	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?	IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?	WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?
1. Slipping / Tripping	Staff		
2. Fire	Students		
3. Chemicals / drugs			
4. Moving parts of machinery			
5. Pressure systems		<i>Please complete overleaf</i>	<i>Please complete overleaf</i>
6. Electricity			
7. Dust			
8. Fumes			
9. Manual Handling			
10. Noise			
11. Lighting			
12. Computers			
13. Any other hazards			

(Please refer to Risk Assessment Matrix to indicate how Severity and Likelihood combine to produce a Risk score)
Likelihood x Severity = Risk Score, = Low, Medium or High risk

Type & Source Of Hazard	Nature Of The Risk	Type Of Activity In Which Risks May Arise	Control Measures	Risk Rating			L M H	Any Further Control Measures Required
				L	S	R		
Bags & coats	Trip Hazard	Any activity which involves movement around the laboratory	Place all bags & coats etc in lockers provided	1	1	1	L	
Cork Borers	Cuts	Cutting out cylinders of beetroot.	Good technique – ensure beetroot is held firmly down against white tile whilst using cork borer, never hold the beetroot in the hand.	1	2	2	L	
Scalpel & forceps	Cuts	Risk of injury when picking up & using scalpels & forceps.	Ensure good technique is used to avoid holding / touching sharp points and blades.	2	2	4	L	
Glass pipettes	Cuts	Attaching pipette fillers to pipette	Good technique is important, ensure the pipette is held as close to the top as possible when attaching pipette filler.	2	2	4	L	
Water	Eye injuries	Possible splashes to the eyes when pipetting / transferring liquids.	The wearing of safety goggles is mandatory during practical activities in the laboratory	1	1	1	L	

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Hot water	Scalds	Inserting and removing test tubes from hot water baths.	Use tongs provided for inserting and removing test tubes from hot water baths.	2	1	2	L	
Water Baths	Electrical hazard	General use of water baths	Use only proprietary water baths designed for laboratory and school / college use. Baths are regularly PAT tested for electrical safety	1	1	1	L	

INDICATE WHAT FIRST AID ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PLACE

A science technician (qualified first aid at work) shall be present during all science practical lessons.
First aid kit available in all science prep rooms (Physics NB232, Chemistry NB237B & Biology NB124A).

Assessment performed by : (Please Print Name)	Dr. Diana Wassell	Position :	Biology / Human Biology Lecturer
Date of Assessment :	29 November 2007		
Signed :			

ACTION LIST RECOMMENDATIONS	Risk Rating			L M H	TO BE ACTIONED BY	DATE ACTION COMPLETED	SIGNATURE
	L	S	R				