

**SWAN CC**  
**Spraying Weed Killer (non glysohate). Risk Assessment.**

<b>Activity: Spraying Weed Killer (non glysohate).</b>				<b>Name of assessor: SWANCC</b>	
<b>Site location: South Willesborough &amp; Newtown</b>				<b>Date of assessment: 3 June 24</b>	
<b>Description of hazard</b>	<b>Who may be harmed &amp; how</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Control Measures currently in place.</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Rating L, M, H</b>
Non - trained spray operator	Operator, Local public, animals, Wildlife &green areas	5	Spraying weed killer only to be done by trained operators	1	L
Area to be sprayed	Public, dogs, wildlife & local green areas.	4	Before starting the task ensure that the site has been checked and is accessible. Close off area to be sprayed from public ,dog walkers, and check for any wildlife. Place spray warning signs at each end of area to be sprayed. With Suitable Signage Operator to wear Hi Vis at all times Check all paths are accessible, that no unforeseen obstructions exist such as fallen branches, tools left around or excavations, and that harm will not arise to members of the public.	1	L
Weed killer Concentrate Handling	Operator Splashes on skin & face	3	Wear gloves coveralls and eye protection when dispensing and diluting concentrated weed killer. Operator to wear Hi Vis at all times Read Manufacturer's instructions before using. Dilute concentrate according manufacturer's instructions.	1	L
Spillages	Operator, Local public, animals, Wildlife &green areas. Spray on people, animals and green areas.	3	Use spillage equipment and cleanup	1	L
Weather conditions Spray drift	Operator, Local public, animals, Wildlife &green areas. Spray on people, animals and green areas.	3	Only spray weed killer on calm days.	1	L

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Pressurized Vessels	Operator Splashes on skin & face	3	Wear appropriate clothing that covers, hands, exposed skin and a face mask or eye goggles, avoid droplets entering the eyes Eye protection is essential for this task where a pre- pressurized spray unit is used. Work should not be carried out if proper eye protection in not available.	1	L
Back strain from carrying filled spray container and bending to apply spray.	Operator Back pain	3	Take regular breaks from the task and maintain an upright stance if possible. If a body harness is available with the chosen spray unit it should be worn to support the weight of the. spray vessel.	1	L
Tripping/twisting due to uneven ground	Operator Falls leading to injury.	3	Look for potentially unseen obstacles and depressions during pre-work checks of the site. Wear stout footwear. Report significant obstacles and avoid especially difficult to access areas.	1	L
Cleaning of Sprayer	Operator Splashes on skin & face	3	Follow equipment manufacturers guide lines. Mix only the required amount of weed killer required. Any water used to wash sprayer should be used on an area that requires weedkilling.	1	L
Lone Working, lack of communication, with restricted reporting or assistance in emergency situations.	Operator Personal safety.	3	Advise Community Clerk when and where work is to be done. Advise when work is completed. Operator is advised to carry a mobile phone if working alone or ensure contact can be made when the need arises	1	L
Cuts, grazes, slashes	Operator Personal first aid	3	Operator to be first aid trained and carry full first aid kit.	1	L
Empty weed killer container	Operator, public and wild life	4	Used approved waste disposal company for all empty containers.	1	L

Document Approval: *S E Evans*

Community Council Manager

Date of approval : 3 J u n e 2 4

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Review Policy: Annually

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Budget Costings

Training

PA1 & PA6	£575.00
	Total £575

Equipment

Knapsack sprayer	£48.00
Weed killer spray signs x2 £45	£90.00
Chemical storage lockable cabinet	£155.00
Fresh water container 25lt x 2 £12 each	£24.00
Measuring jug	£9.00
	Total £326.00

Personal Protective Equipment

High vis jacket	£30
Rubber boots	£40
Chemical gloves	£12
Spray visor	£20
Coveralls for spraying (use 3 times then replace	£12
Site first aid box	£10
	Total £124.00