Risk Assessment

This template is to be used with reference to the *OHS Risk Management Procedure*. For support in conducting a Risk Assessment, contact the OHS Advisory Service on 1300 074 715 or email safety@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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| **1. Background information** |
| **School/workplace:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Title of assessment:** | **Cleaning windows – Single story** *(Double story window cleaning should be carried out by a contractor)* | **Name of person conducting assessment:** |  |

| **2. Risk assessment** |
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| **Identify and list hazards** | **List current risk controls** | **Risk rating** | **List additional controls** *(if any - where current controls are not adequately managing the level of risk)* |
| 1. Fall from height
2. Falls of materials
3. Manual handling
4. Pedestrians on site
5. Slips and trips
 | * Use of an elevated work platform
* Use of an extended cleaning pole
* If water fed cleaning pole is used, the hose is positioned so as not to create a tripping hazard
* S.M.A.R.T lifting techniques are used
* The area beneath window is free from obstructions
* Materials are stored in a bucket/ tub
* Cordon off the ground area around where windows are to be cleaned
* Enclosed footwear and hard hat is worn
* Protective gloves are worn
* A platform ladder is used
* The platform ladder is placed on a flat surface
* At least three points of contact are maintained whilst on ladder
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| **Consequence** - Evaluate the **consequences** of a risk occurring according to the ratings in the top row

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| **Descriptor** | **Level** | **Definition** |
| **Insignificant** | **1** | No injury |
| **Minor** | **2** | Injury/ ill health requiring first aid |
| **Moderate** | **3** | Injury/ill health requiring medical attention |
| **Major** | **4** | Injury/ill health requiring hospital admission |
| **Severe** | **5** | Fatality |

 | **Likelihood** - Evaluate the **likelihood** of an incident occurring according to the ratings in the left hand column

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| **Descriptor** | **Level** | **Definition** |
| **Rare** | **1** | May occur somewhere, sometime (“once in a life time / once in a hundred years”) |
| **Unlikely** | **2** | May occur somewhere within the Department over an extended period of time |
| **Possible** | **3** | May occur several times across the Department or a region over a period of time |
| **Likely** | **4** | May be anticipated multiple times over a period of timeMay occur once every few repetitions of the activity or event |
| **Almost Certain** | **5** | Prone to occur regularlyIt is anticipated for each repetition of the activity of event |

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| 1. Risk Matrix- Using the matrix, calculate the level of risk by finding the intersection between the likelihood and the consequences

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| **Likelihood** | **Consequence** |
| **Insignificant** | **Minor** | **Moderate** | **Major** | **Severe** |
| **Almost Certain** | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme |
| **Likely** | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme | Extreme |
| **Possible** | Low | Medium | Medium | High | Extreme |
| **Unlikely** | Low | Low | Medium | Medium | High |
| **Rare** | Low | Low | Low | Medium | Medium |

 | 4 Risk Level/Rating and Actions

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| **Description of risk** |  | **Actions** |
| **Extreme:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken immediately. Cease associated activity. |
| **High:** | Notify **Workplace Manager and/or Management OHS Nominee** immediately. Corrective actions should be taken within 48 hours of notification. |
| **Medium:** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, OHS Representative / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within 7 days. |
| **Low** | Notify **Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee**. Nominated employee, HSR / OHS Committee is to follow up that corrective action is taken within a reasonable time. |

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