

Barton Upon Humber Town Council

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LOCATION	Lone Working											
PERSONS AT RISK	Council employees - Handyman											
ASSESSMENT TEAM	Vicky Haines and Carol Clark											
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	Mar-26											
PROPOSED DATE OF NEXT ASSESSMENT	Mar-27											
APPROVED BY	Chair of the Finance & GP Committee											
DATE	30th March 2026											
What are the hazards?	Potential Outcomes	Persons at risk	What are the current control measures?	Initial Assessment			What additional controls are required?	Responsibility	Date	Residual Risk		
				Likelihood	Severity	Risk Level				Likelihood	Severity	Risk Level
Working at height (ladders, step ladders)	Falls causing injury	Handyman, Occupants	Use inspected ladders, maintain 3 points of contact, avoid overreaching, use suitable ladder for height	3	4	12	Ladder inspections before use, ensure ladder on stable ground, avoid working alone where possible	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	4	8
Power tools (drills, saws, sanders)	Cuts, electric shock	Handyman	Use well-maintained tools, wear PPE (gloves, goggles), unplug tools before servicing, adjusting, or changing accessories	3	4	12	Ensure PAT tested tools, use RCD protection, provide safe use training	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	4	8
Manual handling (lifting furniture, materials)	Back strain injury	Handyman	Use proper lifting technique, ask for help with heavy items, use lifting aids	3	3	9	Manual handling training, assess weight before lifting, use trolleys when possible	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	3	6
Dust and debris	Respiratory irritation	Handyman, Occupants	Wear dust mask, ventilate area, clean up debris regularly	3	3	9	Use dust extraction, isolate work area, use appropriate masks (FFP2/FFP3)	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	6	6
Slips, trips, falls	Injury from falls	Handyman, Occupants	Keep work area tidy, secure cables, clean spills immediately	3	3	9	Use warning signs, route cables safely, carry out regular housekeeping checks	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	3	6
Hazardous substances (paint, solvents)	Skin irritation, inhalation	Handyman	Use gloves, follow COSHH guidance, ensure good ventilation	3	3	9	Keep COSHH data sheets available, store chemicals safely, use low-VOC products	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	3	6
Noise from tools	Hearing damage	Handyman	Use hearing protection for loud tools	3	3	9	Limit exposure time, use quieter tools where possible, provide hearing protection	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	3	6
Lack of access to first aid kit	Delay in treatment of injuries	Handyman, Occupants	Basic first aid kit available on site	2	3	6	Ensure kit is fully stocked and easily accessible, check contents regularly, handyman aware of emergency contacts	Handyman	08/03/2026	1	3	3
Lone working amongst members of the public	Verbal abuse, confrontation, injury, delayed assistance in emergency	Handyman	Inform someone of work location and schedule, keep mobile phone available	3	3	9	Implement check-in procedure, avoid high-risk situations, leave site if feeling unsafe, maintain communication with contact person	Handyman	08/03/2026	2	3	6