

## Embercombe Risk Assessment

### Gardening / Field work

#### Description of main hazards and hazardous events:

**Muscular injury** caused by bending down or straining the body. Soil or grit enters the eyes causing irritation. Tools left lying around in pathways creating **trip hazards**. Cuts and bruising to the skin. Soil with Tetanus bacteria causing subsequent infection. Uneven ground and muddy pathways increase the likelihood of **slips and trips** resulting in injury to the skin or broken bones.

The garden and fields are away from phone lines and the main hub so there could be delays in emergency situations.

In **hot weather** prolonged exposure to the sun combined with physical excursion could result in heat stroke, heat exhaustion or sunburn. In **cold weather** prolonged exposure could result in muscular injury.

**Persons exposed:** Employees  Volunteers  Clients / Public   
Contractors  Vulnerable groups

#### Existing controls:

All people working at Embercombe are given instructions regarding correct tool use and working posture. The person organising the work ensures the work is appropriate to the person and that work periods are suitable with sufficient breaks. Tools are stored on the beds and not on pathways or in a suitable place when finished with. People working at Embercombe are advised to have their Tetanus boosters up to date.

If conditions in the garden or fields are unsuitable the work will be postponed or take place in the poly tunnel.

During the warmer months a sun shade is erected in the garden area so that breaks can be spent in the shade. Working in the middle of the day in the Summer should be avoided.

#### Are there any further controls recommended?

No.

### Summary of Safety Advice

Warm up the body before doing strenuous work.

Do not leave tools in pathways.

Wash your hands after gardening.

Sharp-edges on tools should be covered when not being used.

Be aware of exposure to sun or cold.

Other risk assessments you should read; [General Site](#)

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