

# RISK ASSESSMENT

Company Name: DOWSE HAULAGE

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Assessment No: 25

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Task: Ice and Snow

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No.	Significant Hazards  (STEP 1)	People Affected  (STEP 2)	Existing Controls  (STEP 3)	Level of Risk			Further Action  Required List further action required to control significant risks. If there is lots to do, make an action list.  (STEP 4)
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	<p>Look only for hazards which you could reasonably expect to result in significant harm e.g. slips/trips, work at height, falling objects, vehicles, electricity etc.</p>	<p>List groups of people who may be at risk e.g. maintenance staff, contractors, cleaners, public etc</p>	<p>List controls that are already in place to control the risk e.g. physical safeguards, training, personal protective equipment etc.</p>	<p>Decide on the level of risk remaining.  (Likelihood \ Severity)</p>			
	<p>Slips, Trips and Falls</p> <p>Slippery surfaces</p> <p>Chemicals where used</p> <p>Manual handling bags of salt for gritting</p> <p>Use of tools and possibly machinery for large scale clearance.</p> <p>Extreme weather conditions</p> <p>What are the potential outcomes from the hazards?</p> <p><b>Musculoskeletal injuries</b></p> <p><b>Fractures, cuts and bruises</b></p> <p><b>Dermatitis</b></p> <p><b>Ill health from temperature exposure</b></p>	<p>Staff Drivers Visitors, Particularly those who are inexperienced, unfit, poorly coordinated or apprehensive</p>	<p><b>Check forecasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated member of staff to monitor weather conditions and anticipate when snow / ice clearance may be required.( may be necessary for them to start work earlier to implement procedures)</li> <li>Prioritised areas for clearing of paths, steps and slopes. ( main access routes , paths from car parks to buildings etc to be dealt with ASAP)</li> <li>Other areas cleared as time permits.</li> </ul>				<p>Buy Salt in advance of bad weather</p> <p>If slopes and steps remain in a dangerous condition it may be necessary to prevent access to affected area – cones / barrier/ tape etc.</p>

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		Site Staff / Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct access to the main entrance from the site access point is created (1 M wide)</li> <li>• Regular inspection of all areas and identification of those such as steps, slopes etc which may not be safe even when cleared.</li> <li>• Treat cleared paths with salt and grit if freezing temperatures continue.</li> <li>• Ensure all staff are aware of designated paths / access routes and take responsibility for using these. Reinforce this with Drivers / visitors.</li> </ul>				

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	Physical exertion Back injuries, strains/sprain		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff who are responsible for gritting / clearing paths have adequate equipment and clothing to carry out the work.</li> <li>Ensure staff clearing snow are physically capable</li> <li>Work at sensible pace and take frequent breaks</li> <li>Training given in correct lifting techniques.</li> <li>Appropriate footwear worn</li> <li>Mechanical lifting aids available (trolleys, sack barrow etc.)</li> </ul>			/	

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