



GREENING OF RIDDELL

Work health and safety guidance note:

Planting, mulching, hand weeding

ASSESS THE RISK

Hand and knee spike injuries; spikes and scratches to face and eyes, tool impact injuries to feet and hands; soil borne infections; dust which may cause eye and respiratory irritation or asthma; skin irritation; foreign particles in eyes; muscle strain from bending, posture; soft tissue overuse injuries.

Risk Management Strategies

- Wear sturdy footwear
- Wear gloves when handling soil, mulch, tree guard stakes and working at ground level
- Wear eye protection where potential for eye injury/infection is identified (GoR has a supply of safety glasses)
- Wear dust mask when handling mulch (GoR has a supply of dust masks)
- Conduct a visual inspection of the site and remove potential risks such as broken glass, wire etc. and as far as possible clear the area of any trip hazards
- Use correct techniques when using forks and shovels
- Use wheelbarrow to shift materials – and use safe lifting technique when moving wheelbarrow
- Use hand washing facilities provided
- Maintain a safe working distance between volunteers.

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