

# METHOD STATEMENT – PRESSURE WASHING



## STEP 1 – ASSESSMENT DETAILS

|                                        |                                    |                                                          |        |         |           |        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Method Statement Reference:            | CCRM-020                           | FREQUENCY (TICK AS APPROPRIATE)                          |        |         |           |        |
| Issue Number                           | 07                                 | Daily                                                    | Weekly | Monthly | Quarterly | AD Hoc |
| Task:                                  | Pressure washing of external areas |                                                          |        |         |           |        |
| Date Completed:                        | 5 March 2025                       |                                                          |        |         |           |        |
| Employee consultation and involvement: | Diego Orozzco                      |                                                          |        |         |           |        |
| Re-Assessment Due*:                    | One year from above date           |                                                          |        |         |           |        |
| Method Statement Completed By:         | Health & Safety Manager            | Emergency Telephone Number:<br>020 7624 6330 / 111 / 999 |        |         |           |        |

## STEP 2 – PERSONEL REQUIRED (DURING ACTIVITY)

| Lone Worker | 2 or More Persons | First Aider | Supervisor/Team Leader | Management |
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|             | ✓                 |             |                        |            |

## STEP 3 – PROCEDURES TO BE CARRIED OUT (BEFORE STARTING WORK)

| Training and Knowledge<br>Company safety<br>Site -induction form | Feed stand pipe<br>following the<br>method<br>statement<br>below where<br>applicable | Insert RCD circuit<br>breaker into power<br>socket before<br>inserting machine<br>plug for electrical jet<br>wash | Perform Visual<br>Safety Check of<br>Equipment | Perform Visual<br>Check of<br>PPE | Perform Visual<br>Check CO2<br>Extinguisher | Surface<br>preparation and<br>protection of<br>electric mains | Public<br>Exclusion<br>Cordon Area<br>use warning<br>signs SSOW | Ice, frost and<br>snow<br>public<br>protection &<br>Gritting |
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| ✓                                                                | ✓                                                                                    | ✓                                                                                                                 | ✓                                              | ✓                                 | ✓                                           | ✓                                                             | ✓                                                               |                                                              |

## STEP 4 – HAZARDS, PRODUCT AND PPE

| Slips, Trips & Falls           | Low or High Temperatures | Noise              | Vehicles           | Hand and Arm Vibration | Biohazard | Flying particles | Electric Shock | Fire Risk | Manual Handling                                | Harmful /Irritant |
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| ✓                              | ✓                        | ✓                  |                    | ✓                      | ✓         | ✓                | ✓              | ✓         | ✓                                              | ✓                 |
| Ear Defenders BS EN 352-1:2002 | Rubber Gloves EN 420     | Safety Wellingtons | Goggles BS EN1663B | Hi-Visibility Jacket   |           |                  | Overalls       |           | Respirator Face Mask FFP2/FFP3or Surgical Mask |                   |
|                                |                          |                    |                    |                        |           |                  |                |           |                                                |                   |
| ✓                              | ✓                        | ✓                  | ✓                  | ✓                      |           |                  | ✓              |           |                                                |                   |

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## STEP 5 – PRODUCT USAGE

| Product Name | Product Usage | Product Type | Usage Dilution | Application / Equipment |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Water        | -             | -            | -              | Jet Washer              |

## STEP 6 – METHOD STATEMENT

| SAFETY & KNOWN HAZARDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | METHOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CARE OF EQUIPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only authorised operatives, trained in the procedure to carry out this task.</li> <li>Place warning <b>signs and barriers</b> before you commence the task.</li> <li>Inspect Equipment for any faults.</li> <li>Follow Manufacturers Instruction when using Chemicals.</li> <li>Wipe any spillages as they occur.</li> <li>CO2 fire extinguisher to be on site at all time not far from 3mt distance from Bowser pressure washer</li> <li>Fuel is present in standard metallic 20Litre Jerry Can / Jerry Can is store in a locked hazardous storage container for bowser pressure washer</li> </ol> <p><b>Known Hazards</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of ejected material:</li> <li>High pressure water injury.</li> <li>Aerosols (Biological hazards)</li> <li>Nozzle Reaction Forces. <b>No water jetting work on Ladders</b></li> <li>Noise Risk: Noise</li> <li>Manual handling</li> <li>Hand-arm vibration.</li> <li>Burns from hot surfaces like exhaust of the machine</li> <li>Carbon Monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust</li> <li>Electrical shock or burns due to direct or indirect contact with electric mains or installations close or around the area</li> <li>Direct contact with cleaning solution, use to clean area. Or through generation of aerosols</li> </ol> | <p><b>METHOD ELECTRIC JET WASH</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put on personal protective equipment. PPE</li> <li>Assemble equipment, check electrical equipment for safety, particularly plugs, casings and cables.</li> <li>Set up the work site including an exclusion zone, with warning signs and barrier tape.</li> <li>Insert RCD circuit breaker into power socket before inserting machine plug and protect from water ingress.</li> <li>Remove any obstructions from the area.</li> <li>If likely to be exposed to water or spray; protect any electrical sockets using duck-tape.</li> <li>If necessary, cover items with protective covers.</li> <li>Prepare cleaning solution according to manufacturer's instructions and add to machine if you need.</li> <li>Select appropriate temperature, then direct jet at the surface to be cleaned, ensuring that the optimum distance from the spray nozzle to the working surface is maintained throughout.</li> <li>Pay particular attention to heavily soiled areas.</li> <li>Remove excess water from the floor and leave floor as dry as possible.</li> <li>On completion, remove plug and circuit breaker from power socket and recoil machine cable.</li> <li>Clean equipment and check for safety.</li> <li><b>Leave pedestrian and public area clean &amp; tidy to a high standard , free of debris , all solids and traces must be removed by sweeping following completion of task.</b></li> <li>Return equipment and materials to store.</li> <li>When floor dry, return warning signs to store.</li> </ol> <p><b>USING STANDPIPES</b></p> <p>The standpipe consists of a discharge outlet, standpipe handles, barrel assembly, brass lugs and base nut, polyurethane base nut washer, mushroom washer and bolt kit (strainer plate may be fitted).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before fastening the standpipe to the hydrant, wind the spindle up (anti-clockwise) as far as you can. Check that the base nut sealing washer is fitted and screw the base nut lugs right down (clockwise).</li> <li>Check the top of the hydrant for any damage and clean the hydrant point to ensure it is free of debris, sand and obstructions.</li> <li>Once the hydrant point is clean and free of debris, connect the standpipe. If it is damaged or cannot be cleaned, select another hydrant location and report the damage local council.</li> <li>Place the standpipe base nut and lugs down onto the hydrant.</li> <li>Engage the standpipe lugs under the hydrant lugs then, holding the standpipe by both handles, turn the standpipe (clockwise) until firmly fastened. Do not overtighten or use any extension pipes on the handles or other tools to engage or disengage the standpipe onto the hydrant.</li> <li>When operating the standpipe, turn the handle to allow water to be discharged. If the water is dirty, do not fully open the standpipe (30mm down on the hydrant mushroom provides maximum flow).</li> <li>Attach the hoses to the standpipe before turning it on and then turn the spindle (clockwise) until water</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash tools and attachments</li> <li>Clean machine and fill tank</li> <li>Clean all items used, including any access equipment</li> <li>Disconnect and dry the hose and nozzles.</li> </ol> |

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|  | <p>flows. Do not wind the spindle all the way down as this may cause the standpipe to shut down incorrectly.</p> <p>8. When finished, turn the spindle handle (anti-clockwise) until it stops and the mushroom is withdrawn into the body of the standpipe.</p> <p>9. Release the pressure before removing any devices or hoses that are fastened to the standpipe outlet.</p> <p>10. Turn the entire standpipe (anti-clockwise) until the lugs stop against the base nut flange, and then remove the standpipe.</p> <p>11. Ensure the mushroom has seated properly and there are no leaks. If the hydrant is leaking, reattach the standpipe then remove it once again. If the leak persists, report it to council.</p> <p>12. Ensure the yellow hydrant lid on the hydrant box is replaced before leaving.</p> <p><b>METHOD BOWSER PRESSURE WASHER</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On arrival sign staff time sheet log book and put on PPE</li> <li>2. Check the high pressure hoses, fittings, spray gun and lance hose. If one or more parts are found to be damaged <b>DO NOT</b>, <u>under any circumstances</u>, use the high pressure cleaner and inform/report your Area Manager immediately.</li> <li>3. Make sure Work area is clear for safe access and operation</li> <li>4. Carry on the visual safety check as instructed</li> <li>5. Put on PPE</li> <li>6. Carry surface preparation as instructed on the training programme</li> <li>7. Delimit a safe area of work Ideally 8mt to 10mt around the machine as show on the training manual.</li> <li>8. If necessary cover items and electric mains with waterproof protective covers or plastic</li> <li>9. Start jetting out heavy soiled areas. Corners and inconspicuous areas first</li> <li>10. Drive sediments and deposits off the floor in a steady motion towards the middle area or the nearest drain</li> <li>11. Ensure optimum distance between nozzle and working surface is maintained (15cm to 35cm) (6in to 13in)</li> <li>12. On completion, removed water from corners with a squeegee and leave floor as dry as possible</li> <li>13. Clean any spilled water from panels and glazing areas from area cleaned</li> <li>14. Switch the machine off and drain the entire system (<u>press gun trigger with machine OFF</u>)</li> <li>15. Roll back the hose and switch the fuel valve off</li> <li>16. Returned materials and equipment to loading bay</li> <li>17. Clean machine and equipment</li> <li>18. Fill water tank with fresh water ready for next operation and Refuel engine</li> </ol> |  |
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## STEP 7 – RISK ASSESSMENT (likelihood X Severity = Risk)

| CATEGORY             | HAZARD               | POTENTIAL HARM            | LIKELIHOOD | Severity | Risk before Controls | Risk After Controls | COMMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Slips, Trips & Falls | Slips, trips & falls | Broken bones/bruises/cuts | 4          | 3        | 12                   | 4                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operatives trained in these operations.</li> <li>Awareness of environment and other people's actions. Tool box programme in place</li> <li>Staff instructed to report hazards to area managers.</li> <li>Staff instructed to wear protective shoes</li> </ul> |

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| Slips, Trips & Falls | Slips, trips & falls from the steps                                        | Broken bones/bruises/cuts                                                            | 4 | 3 | 12 | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operatives trained in these operations.</li> <li>Awareness of environment and working on stairs during using an equipment.</li> <li>Communication and Awareness in place</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Equipment Operation  | Risk of Ejected Material / Noise Risk / Emission of Hand and Arm vibration | Cuts/bruises/puncturing/stabing/impact/bruises/cuts/hearing loss/blue finger disease | 4 | 4 | 16 | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff trained on surface preparation to minimise or eliminate the risk of solid particles, debris and materials</li> <li>Areas to be cleaned, will be submitted to an exclusion area of (10 to 8 mts around the machine) with barrier tape and visual signs to protect public</li> <li>Operatives instructed to stop all work immediately as soon as a members of the public or an unauthorise person trespass the exclusion area.</li> <li>Short-term use</li> <li>Regular supervision is in place</li> <li>Work in groups and PPE provided</li> </ul> |
| Equipment Operation  | Risk of entering of unauthorized public to the area to be cleaned          | Seriuos injury with open wound, internal damage tissue, bleeding,                    | 3 | 4 | 12 | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit to work system</li> <li>Areas to be cleaned, will be submitted to an exclusion area of (10 to 8 mts around the machine) with barrier tape and visual signs to protect public</li> <li>Operatives instructed to stop all work immediately as soon as a members of the public or an unauthorise person trespass the exclusion area.</li> <li>Regular supervision in place</li> <li>Operatives trained in these operations.</li> <li>Awareness of environment and other people's actions.</li> </ul>                                                |
| Equipment Operation  | High pressure water injury                                                 | Seriuos injury with open wound, internal damage tissue, bleeding,                    | 4 | 4 | 16 | 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operatives trained to follow safe system of work</li> <li>PPE has been issue</li> <li>Supervision along the shift is in place</li> <li>Refresh trainnig in place</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Equipment Operation  | Electric shock                                                             | Electrocution/burns/ seizure / shock / death                                         | 2 | 5 | 10 | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision along the shift is in place</li> <li>Identifying and protecting any mains found within the area of operation</li> <li>Electrical equipment is to be connected to a RCD.</li> <li>The equipment and leads are to be PA Tested annually,</li> <li>Visual inspection before use</li> <li>Reporting of incidents and defective equipment in place</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Equipment operation  | Carbone monoxide and exhaust fumes                                         | Poisoning to workers and public                                                      | 3 | 2 | 6  | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operatives trained</li> <li>Evaluate ventilation of the area when working in internal parts of the building</li> <li>Request Work Permit before working in internal parts of the building</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Equipment Operation                                                                                                                                                      | Fire                                             | Burns/ damage to property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2    | 4        | 8   | 4      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual PA testing</li><li>Regular machinery visual checks and maintenance</li><li>CO2 fire extinguisher to be on site at all time not far from 3mt distance</li><li>Fuel is present in standard metallic 20Litre Jerry Can / Jerry Can is store in a locked hazardous storage container</li></ul>                                                                                |          |
| Manual Handling                                                                                                                                                          | Heavy objects/bending/ pulling / pushing/lifting | Back injuries, disorder of joints, injury to upper/lower limbs etc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3    | 3        | 9   | 4      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff trained on Manual handling,</li><li>Toolbox programme / supervision / site induction</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| Equipment operation                                                                                                                                                      | Bacterial Infection Biological Hazard            | (like Leptospirosis)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2    | 4        | 8   | 4      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff trained on Biohazard management</li><li>Use of PPE</li><li>Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          |
| Equipment operation                                                                                                                                                      | Accidentally starting                            | Injuries due to pressurized water                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2    | 5        | 10  | 5      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Safety switches for locking the spray gun in the closed position when not in use</li><li>Operatives trained</li><li>Areas to be cleaned, will be submitted to an exclusion area of (10 to 8 mts around the machine) with barrier tape and visual signs to protect public</li><li>Regular supervision is in place</li></ul>                                                       |          |
| OVERALL RISK RATING BEFORE CONTROL:                                                                                                                                      |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10.9 | Very Low | Low | Medium | High                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | COMMENTS |
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| OVERALL RISK RATING AFTER CONTROL:                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4.45 | Very Low | Low | Medium | High                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |          |
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| <b>LIKELIHOOD</b><br>1. IMPROBABLE OCCURRENCE<br>2. REMOTED OCCURRENCE<br>3. REASONABLY PROBABLE OCCURRENCE<br>4. VERY LIKELY OCCURRENCE<br>5. ALMOST CERTAIN OCCURRENCE |                                                  | <b>SEVERITY</b><br>1. SLIGHT: NO INJURY or Injury requiring first Aid treatment<br>2. MINOR: INJURY requiring medical treatment with absence from 3 days to 3 weeks<br>3. MODERATE: Injury illness resulting in temporary disability (eg. fractures) and absence over 3 weeks<br>4. SERIOUS: Severe injury or permanent disability (e.g loss of limb, sight) property and equipment damage<br>5. MAJOR: Immediade danger exist, capable of causing death, loss or damage on a wide scale and serious business disruption (e.g. Explosion, fire, structural damage, etc.) |      |          |     |        | <b>INTERPRETATION</b><br>4 and below very Low risk = No further action, but ensure controls are maintained an review<br>5 to 8 Low risk = Risk Can be tolerated or for only short term. Plan introduction of meassures with a define time period<br>9 to 15 Medium Risk = Planned and introduce further control measures to mitigate the risk within a time scale<br>16 and Above = Stop activity and immediate action |          |