

Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5 — this document is the recorded safe system of work. COSHH 2002 for bitumen, solvents, resins and cementitious products; where solvent-based membranes are applied in a basement or enclosed void, DSEAR 2002 applies to the vapour and the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 with ACOPI L101 to the space — entry under KD-PTW-CS-004 where the space qualifies. BS 8102:2022 is the code of practice for below-ground waterproofing; CDM 2015 regs 22 and 24 govern the excavation the work is done in. Prepared against legislation current at 10/08/2026.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Application of external barrier waterproofing to below-ground walls and slabs: substrate preparation, primer, sheet or liquid membrane, laps and details at penetrations, corners and terminations, inspection, protection board and drainage layer before backfill.

This document does not cover: torch-applied work under a hot works permit where required (KD-PTW-HW-001), and the excavation itself (KD-RAMS-GW-001).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. A membrane that leaks because a lap, detail or penetration was covered up unseen

Controls: Every lap, upstand, penetration and termination inspected and photographed before it is covered; the reviewer's hold released on KD-QA before backfill or protection board; no covering-up ahead of the inspection.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Solvent vapour or oxygen depletion in a basement, lift pit or manhole during application

At risk: Applicators

Controls: Assess the space against the Confined Spaces Regulations before work; where it qualifies, entry under permit with gas monitoring and forced ventilation; solvent-free systems specified where practicable; no naked flames where solvent vapour can collect.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Work at height from steps, podiums, towers or MEWPs

At risk: Operatives, and anyone below

Controls: Select access by the Work at Height hierarchy — podium or tower before steps; MEWPs by trained (IPAF) operators only. Inspect access equipment before use, establish an exclusion below overhead work, and secure tools and materials against dropping.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Manual handling of membrane rolls, protection board and primer drums in an excavation

At risk: Applicators

Controls: Rolls lowered into the excavation by plant or rope, never carried down the ladder; drums decanted at ground level; two-person handling of full rolls; trolley on the slab.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Skin contact with cements, plasters, adhesives and sealants

At risk: Operatives

Controls: COSHH assessments for every substance; gloves matched to the substance; barrier and after-work creams available; washing facilities close to the work; report skin problems early — dermatitis is a reportable trend, not a private nuisance.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Slips, trips and housekeeping

At risk: Everyone in the work area

Controls: Keep the workface clear, remove waste and offcuts as they are created, route leads at high level or under mats, and maintain task lighting.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

7. Working in the excavation against the wall — collapse, falls of material, access

At risk: Applicators

Controls: Excavation supported or battered to the design and inspected every shift (KD-INS-EX-002); working width to the design; ladder access; no work below an unsupported face.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL H/...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 Confirm the waterproofing design — grade, type and system — and the manufacturer's data sheet; conditions within limits (KD-QA-SYS-006).
- 02 Prepare the substrate: sound, clean, dry as the data sheet requires; fillets at internal corners; blowholes filled; prime.
- 03 Apply the membrane to the specified thickness or lap; detail penetrations, corners, kickers and terminations to the manufacturer's details.
- 04 Inspect and photograph every lap and detail before protection; reviewer releases the hold.
- 05 Fit protection board and drainage / insulation layer; backfill in the specified layers without damaging the membrane.
- SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Rollers, trowels, primer applicators	Ventilation fans and gas monitor for enclosed work
Gas torch (torch-on) with extinguisher	
INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS	COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST

Head protection	Gloves — task-rated	Chemical-resistant gloves and eye protection per the data sheet
Safety footwear	Eye protection	
High visibility	Hearing protection	
RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED		

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

<i>A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.</i>	
KD-PTW-HW-001 — Hot Works Permit For torch-applied membranes.	PERMIT NUMBER
KD-PTW-CS-004 — Confined Space Entry Permit Where the basement, pit or void qualifies as a confined space.	PERMIT NUMBER

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION	NEAREST A&E	ASSEMBLY POINT
HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA	SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.			
NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

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10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

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