

Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5; Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 — HSE's position on heavier blocks: one-person repetitive handling of blocks over 20kg is not acceptable practice; COSHH 2002 for cement and silica; Work at Height Regulations 2005; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15.

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

New brickwork and blockwork: setting out, laying to line and level, cavity work with ties and insulation, DPCs, and building in as the structure rises, from ground and from scaffold.

This document does not cover: the scaffold itself (scaffolding contractor), and lintel installation (KD-RAMS-BM-005).

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. Repetitive handling of bricks, blocks and mortar

At risk: Bricklayers, labourers

Controls: Blocks over 20kg are not for one-person repetitive laying — specify lighter units or mechanical handling; materials loaded out by machine to laying height; mortar by silo or tub at waist height; hop-ups to keep laying between knee and shoulder.

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

2. Cement dermatitis and burns from mortar

At risk: Bricklayers

Controls: Waterproof gloves as standard; barrier cream is not a substitute; wash splashes immediately; mortar snots cleaned off skin at breaks; report skin problems early.

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

3. Collapse of green (uncured) walls — especially in wind

At risk: Operatives, anyone nearby

Controls: Maximum daily lift heights observed for the block and mortar; new walls propped or restrained where the design requires; masonry never left free-standing above the safe height in wind; check weather before high lifts; barriers to green walls.

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

4. Silica dust from cutting bricks and blocks

At risk: Operatives, others nearby

Controls: Bench saw with water suppression as the default — not dry cut-off saws; on-tool extraction where dry cutting is unavoidable; FFP3 RPE (face-fit tested) at the saw; cutting station sited away from others.

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

5. 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

6. Manual handling of boards, materials and components

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Mechanical aids first — trolleys, board lifters, hoists. Two-person lifts for boards and long components; order materials in manageable sizes; plan storage close to the workface; keep carrying routes clear and lit.

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

7. 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

8. Noise from cutting, fixing and plant*At risk: Operatives, others in the area*

Controls: Select quieter methods and tools where practicable; hearing protection in designated zones and for noisy operations; agree noisy-works windows with the occupier in occupied buildings.

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 Set out from the drawings; confirm block weights and the handling method before ordering labour to lay them.
- 02 Load out by machine to the laying position; mortar to waist height; keep the workforce clear.
- 03 Lay to line and level; ties, DPCs and insulation as specified; keep cavities clean.
- 04 Observe daily lift limits; prop or restrain where the design requires; watch the weather.
- 05 Cut at the wet bench saw away from others; FFP3 RPE at the saw.
- 06 Point and clean down as the work rises; clear the scaffold of loose material at every lift.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- Telehandler load-out
- Wet bench saw
- Mortar silo/tubs
- Hop-ups
- Props for green walls

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

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

- Head protection
- Safety footwear
- High visibility
- Gloves — task-rated
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- Waterproof gloves
- FFP3 RPE at the saw

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

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.

KD-PTW-WH-006 — Work at Height Permit

Where the site requires a permit for work beyond the handed-over scaffold.

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

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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