

INTERNAL DECORATION — NEW SURFACES

Mist coats · emulsions · trim finishes — programme decoration

ACTIVITY RAMS — ADAPT TO SITE BEFORE USE

KD-RAMS-PD-001 Rev A0

Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5; COSHH 2002 for paints, solvents and preparation dusts. COSHH does NOT cover lead — lead in coatings is the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 with ACOP L132 (3rd edition, 2002), and HSE records that lead pigments were not removed from commonly used paints until the early 1980s. Work at Height Regulations 2005; CDM 2015 reg 15 (and reg 13 where a principal contractor is appointed).

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

Decoration of new internal surfaces: preparation, mist and finish coats to walls and ceilings, and trim finishes, on construction programmes.

This document does not cover: spray application (KD-RAMS-PD-003), any surface carrying an existing coating and any pre-1980s substrate — those are lead-suspect and covered by KD-RAMS-PD-002.

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. 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

2. Dust from sanding and preparing new surfaces

At risk: Decorators, occupants

Controls: Dust-extracted sanders as the default; wet abrading where extraction is impracticable. Filler and plaster dust is a respiratory irritant and, on cementitious substrates, carries respirable crystalline silica — sheeted segregation in occupied and shared areas, vacuum rather than sweep. Where any existing coating is found on what was scheduled as a new surface, the work stops and KD-RAMS-PD-002 applies instead.

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

3. Solvent vapours from paints, thinners and cleaners

At risk: Decorators, occupants

Controls: Water-based systems where the specification allows; ventilate enclosed rooms mechanically; solvent storage in the COSHH store; rags to metal bins — oil-finish rags self-heat; no ignition sources during solvent use.

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

4. 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

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. 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

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

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

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 Confirm surfaces ready; light sand with extraction; vacuum dust.
- 02 Set access — podiums for ceilings, no chairs or improvised steps.
- 03 Mist coat and build finish coats per the specification; ventilate.
- 04 Cut in from proper access; brushes/rollers washed in designated areas only.
- 05 Clear protection progressively; wastes segregated — no paint to drains.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Podium steps / hop-ups
Extracted sanders

Ventilation fans

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

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

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

No permit is normally required for this activity. The site's own rules may still require one — check before starting, and record any permit issued below.
PERMITS ISSUED FOR THIS WORK (OR NONE)

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

Every revision of this document, and every review that found nothing to change. The revision on the front of this sheet is the one you are holding — check kubitdocs.com for the current one before use.

Rev	Date	Class	What changed	Authorised by
D0	2026-08-09	first-issue	First issue.	— not yet approved —
D1	2026-08-10	material	Lead corrected: COSHH 2002 does not cover lead, so the basis, the legal note and the control text now cite the Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 with ACOP L132 (3rd edition, 2002). Legislation position reviewed against Product Legislation Register KD-REG-01 Rev R01.3 and the August 2026 horizon scan; cutoff moved to 10 August 2026.	— not yet approved —
D2	2026-08-11	material	Preparation hazard rewritten for new surfaces. The shared preparation control carried the lead-suspect regime for pre-1980s coatings, which cannot arise on new construction; that regime stays on KD-RAMS-PD-002, where it belongs, and this document now excludes any coated or pre-1980s substrate and says to stop if one is found. Respirable crystalline silica from cementitious substrates named in its place.	— not yet approved —
A0	2026-08-27	review	Approved for issue by the author. Content unchanged from D2; the draft status strip is removed. No independent third-party review has been carried out.	Author — director, UK principal contractor, SMSTS. Not an independent review.

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