

Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5 — this document is the recorded safe system of work, and for a trade whose jobs are small, fast and in strange buildings, the dynamic half of the assessment matters as much as the written half: every task starts with the point-of-work check these documents prompt. The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 shape maintenance more than any other trade — the stock is mostly pre-2000 and the duty-holder's asbestos register is consulted before any surface is broken. The Work at Height Regulations 2005, COSHH 2002, the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 and the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 apply as the tasks require. Gas work is Gas Safe engineers only; notifiable electrical work is certificated electricians only — maintenance operatives work to those boundaries, never across them. 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

Minor plumbing and above-ground drainage maintenance — leak tracing and repair, trap and waste clearing, ballvalves and overflows, tap and pan swaps — in occupied premises, with the hygiene disciplines drainage contact demands.

This document does not cover: below-ground drainage and confined chambers (KD-RAMS-GW series and permits), unvented hot water cylinders unless the operative holds the competence, and any gas-adjacent work.

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. Every job a different building — unknown services, fabric and history

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Point-of-work assessment before every task — the two-minute look that stands in for the site knowledge a stranger does not have; the building's asbestos register and known-hazards information requested from the duty holder before fabric is disturbed; services traced from the meter or board, not assumed from the fitting; anything that does not match expectations stops the task until it is understood.

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

2. Lone working as the trade's default condition

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Lone working arrangements per the employer's system — whereabouts known, check-in times set, escalation if a check is missed; tasks the RAMS reserves for two persons (ladder work beyond the stated limits, live-adjacent electrical, confined or roof spaces) are NOT done alone; a charged phone and the emergency information for the property carried.

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3. Occupants, tenants and the public around the work

At risk: Occupants, public, operatives

Controls: Arrival announced and identity shown; the work area separated with the occupant's routes kept clear; tools and materials never left unattended in occupied areas; safeguarding rules where the premises require them (schools, care settings) followed as site rules; the area left safe at every break — a maintenance job abandoned mid-task is a hazard with no one watching it.

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4. 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 workplace; keep carrying routes clear and lit.

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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.

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6. Drainage contact — the biological load in every trap and blockage

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Cuts covered waterproof before work; gauntlets and eye protection for trap and blockage work — rods and plungers flick; washing before eating, drinking or smoking, with wipes and clean water carried where the premises offer none; leptospirosis awareness for external drains and gullies; splash-contaminated clothing changed, not worn on.

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7. Hidden water damage — the ceiling that comes down with the leak

At risk: Operatives, occupants

Controls: Saturated ceilings and boxings probed before heads go under them; water isolated and drained down before opening; electrics in the wet zone isolated until proven dry and sound.

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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 The fault assessed and the water isolated and proven before opening pipework; the wet zone's electrics considered first.
- 02 Repairs made with the joints proven under pressure before boxing or leaving.
- 03 Blockages cleared with the tools made for it, splash controlled, waste double-bagged out of occupied areas.
- 04 Hygiene discipline through and after the task; the area disinfected where drainage water reached surfaces.
- 05 Function proven — fills, flushes, overflows — and the occupant shown; the record notes recurring faults for the duty holder.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE**5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

Plumbing hand tools, press or solder kit per competence	Disinfectant, wipes and washing water
Rods, plungers and trap kit; wet vacuum	

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS**COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS****6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST**

Head protection	Gloves — task-rated	Gauntlets and eye protection for drainage tasks
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**

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

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.

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