

SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK — CHASING WALLS FOR CABLES

SSW — ONE PAGE

Extraction on the tool, the wall scanned, circuits dead — on one page

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COSHH 2002 reg 7: the dust from chasing brick, block, render and concrete is silica dust, and it is controlled at the tool — a wall chaser with extraction on an M-class vacuum, not a grinder and a broom; KD-COSHH-RS-001 is the assessment behind this sheet and KD-TBT-SI-021 the talk. MHSWR 1999 reg 3: the services already in the wall and the tool itself assessed here. One-page safe system of work for chasing in a house or a small commercial job; the full activity RAMS is KD-RAMS-EL-002.

1 THE JOB

PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE	DATE	SHEET PREPARED BY
THE TASK, IN ONE LINE			SUPERVISOR / WHO TO CALL

2 HAZARDS ON THIS JOB — TICK EACH ONE PRESENT; THE CONTROL BESIDE IT IS WHAT YOU WILL DO

- ☐ Silica dust — chaser with on-tool extraction to an M-class vacuum; FFP3; door shut and sheeted; vacuum, never dry sweep
- ☐ Cables and pipes already in the wall — scan every run before it is cut; isolate the circuits in the wall and prove dead; assume the zones were ignored by whoever was there before
- ☐ The wall chaser — both blades set to depth, guard on, both hands on it, blade stopped before it is put down; hearing protection
- ☐ Vibration — trigger time recorded on KD-INS-HV-014; sharp blades; breaks
- ☐ The wall itself — chase depth within what the wall allows; horizontal chases kept shallow; never both faces of a thin wall opposite each other
- ☐ Noise to the household and the neighbours — hours agreed; they are warned before the first cut

3 SEQUENCE OF WORK — AMEND EACH STEP TO THIS JOB, OR WRITE "AS PRINTED"; SAY WHO DOES IT

1. MARK THE RUNS; SCAN EVERY RUN; ISOLATE THE CIRCUITS FOUND AND PROVE DEAD	WHO
2. SHEET THE ROOM; SHUT THE DOOR; OPEN A WINDOW; SET UP THE VACUUM AND TEST THE EXTRACTION PULLS	WHO
3. SET THE CHASER DEPTH TO THE WALL; CHECK THE GUARD AND THE BLADES	WHO
4. CHASE WITH EXTRACTION RUNNING; STOP AND RE-SCAN IF THE WALL SOUNDS OR FEELS DIFFERENT	WHO
5. BREAK OUT THE CHASE WITH A BOLSTER UNDER THE VACUUM NOZZLE	WHO
6. VACUUM THE CHASE AND THE ROOM; BAG THE DUST IN THE VACUUM OUTSIDE, NEVER INDOORS	WHO
7. FIT CAPPING OR CONDUIT; MAKE GOOD TO THE DEPTH; CLEAR	WHO

4 KIT AND PPE — AND STOP CONDITIONS: STOP AND GET THE SUPERVISOR IF... (TICK WHEN BRIEFED)

Kit: wall chaser with extraction port, M-class vacuum, cable and pipe scanner, lock-off kit, bolster, dust sheets, tape. PPE: FFP3; eye protection; hearing protection; gloves; safety footwear. FFP3 means a face-fit-tested mask on a clean-shaven face; a mask that has not been fit tested is not a control.

- ☐ The scanner shows something on the run that the drawings do not explain
- ☐ The extraction is not pulling, or the vacuum filter is blocked
- ☐ A cable or pipe is cut or exposed
- ☐ The wall is thinner than the chase depth allows

5 SIGNATURES

Person doing the work — I have read this sheet, the kit and PPE are on the job, and I will stop at the conditions in section 4:

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Briefed by / supervisor — I have checked the job against this sheet and amended what needed it:

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R REVISION HISTORY

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