

Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5; COSHH 2002 with EH40/2005 (4th edition, 2020) for biocides, injection creams and construction dust; CAR 2012, because a building of any age before 2000 is presumed to contain asbestos until the register or a survey says otherwise; PUWER 1998; Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. A subfloor void, cellar or duct that meets the definition is a confined space and the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 with ACOP L101 apply — entry is under permit, with a person outside, and it is never done alone.

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

Treatment of timber against wet rot, dry rot and insect infestation: exposure and inspection, removal of infected timber, spray and injection treatment in roof spaces, subfloor voids and cellars.

This document does not cover: structural replacement of load-bearing timbers (carpentry and structural repair documents), and treatment of timber in a building whose asbestos position is unresolved.

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. Applying timber treatment biocides and injection creams

At risk: Operatives, occupants, pets

Controls: Product selected and applied strictly to the label and the safety data sheet, which is on site before the container is opened. RPE and chemical-resistant gloves to the COSHH assessment. The building or the treated area is vacated for the re-entry period the label states, and that period is agreed with the occupier in writing before work starts — it is a control, not a courtesy. Ventilation established during and after application; fish tanks, pets and food covered or removed.

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

2. Entry to subfloor voids, cellars and ducts

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Assessed before every entry: headroom, ventilation, standing water, vermin, and the state of the joists overhead. Where the space meets the confined space definition the entry permit applies, with atmosphere testing, a person outside in constant communication, and rescue arrangements agreed before entry — not improvised afterwards. Nobody enters a subfloor void alone under any circumstances.

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

3. Working under joists and floors already weakened by rot or infestation

At risk: Operatives

Controls: The reason we are there is that the timber has failed. Floors and joists overhead are treated as unsound until inspected: props or crawl boards where the structure is suspect, and nobody works beneath a floor that has not been checked. Where rot has reached structural members, work stops and the structural position is confirmed before any further exposure.

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

4. Disturbing asbestos-containing materials in existing buildings

At risk: Operatives, building occupants

Controls: Check the asbestos register before any intrusive work (CAR 2012). No register, or unclear entries, means stop and refer. If suspect material is found: STOP, withdraw, secure the area and report it — the discovery procedure applies before any further work.

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

5. Lone working during early, late or isolated tasks

At risk: Operatives

Controls: No lone working on higher-risk operations; where low-risk lone work is agreed, a check-in arrangement is in place and the person knows the site emergency arrangements.

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

6. Interface with occupants, other trades and the public

At risk: Occupants, other trades, the public

Controls: Segregate the work area — barriers, signage, sheeting; agree access routes and working hours with the occupier; never obstruct escape routes; deliveries and waste runs outside peak movement times where agreed.

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

7. 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 workforce; 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

8. Slips, trips and housekeeping

At risk: Everyone in the work area

Controls: Keep the workforce 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

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 survey, the extent of treatment and the product; have the safety data sheet on site.
- 02 Check the asbestos register for the roof space, void and any lagging before entry.
- 03 Assess every void before entry — apply the confined space permit where it qualifies; never enter alone.
- 04 Expose affected timber, checking the structure overhead and propping or boarding where it is suspect.
- 05 Remove and bag infected material; treat by spray or injection to the label, with ventilation established.
- 06 Agree and enforce the re-entry period with the occupier; ventilate the property before handing back.
- 07 Record the extent treated and the product used, and leave the safety data sheet with the occupier.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

- Spray and injection equipment
- Crawl boards
- Task lighting on RCD for voids
- Gas detection where the void qualifies as a confined space

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

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

- Head protection
- Gloves — task-rated
- RPE to the COSHH assessment
- Safety footwear
- Eye protection
- Chemical-resistant gloves and coveralls
- High visibility
- Hearing protection
- Knee protection

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-CS-004 — Confined Space Entry Permit

For subfloor voids, cellars and ducts.

PERMIT NUMBER

KD-PTW-PE-009 — Permit to Enter

For occupied property.

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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