

Risk Assessment - Hand-Propelled Salt Spreader

Company name: Kingscote Parish Council

Assessment carried out by: Simon Hale

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Injury from improper use of the equipment	Volunteers & pedestrians Crush injuries or muscular injury	Only persons authorised by the parish council may use the spreader. Spreader is kept in a secure location User to ensure they are aware of manual handling risks. Volunteers sign risk assessment	Potential volunteers need to familiarise themselves with the operating instructions which are available on the parish council website. User to only manually move amounts of salt that are within their personal capabilities	Parish Council & user	Prior to and during any use of the spreader

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Injury from Poorly maintained equipment	Volunteer or another highway user	The equipment is new	Parish council to undertake and record regular checks on the equipment to ensure it is in safe working order	Nominated parish councillor and user / volunteer	Before, during and after use of the equipment by user. By the nominated councillor as reasonably appropriate during the winter season depending on use
Slips & trips	Volunteers Slips and trips	Not applicable	All authorised volunteers should wear footwear appropriate to the task	User / Volunteer	Prior to and during use of the spreader
Poor Visibility	Volunteers and other road users	High Viz jackets are available and must be worn when using the spreader Volunteers to sign risk assessment	Hi Viz jackets must be worn	User / Volunteer	Prior to and during use of the spreader

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Effects of Cold Weather	Volunteers, Exposure & hypothermia	Volunteers to sign risk assessment	<p>All volunteer undertaking the salting task must take personal responsibility to ensure they are of appropriate fitness in order to be able to cope with cold windy weather.</p> <p>Clothing appropriate to the task should be worn</p>	User / Volunteer	Prior to and during use of the spreader
Injury whilst undertaking the task / lone working	Volunteer General injury	Volunteers to sign risk assessment	<p>Ideally the volunteer should be accompanied.</p> <p>Volunteer to be in possession of mobile phone and someone is to be informed where they are and what time they are expected back home.</p>	Volunteer	Prior to and during use of the spreader.

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Use of salt which is an irritant	Volunteer General injury although rock salt is unlikely to cause harmful effects under normal conditions of handling.	Volunteers to sign risk assessment First Aid kit available when taking the hand spreader for use Gloves should be worn volunteer whilst loading the salt into the equipment Eye protection should be worn	4 situations where emergency action is needed and medical help should be sought if needed. First aid measures are required when there is:- Eye contact Use an eyewash solution or clean water Skin contact Wash the skin with water. Ingestion Wash out mouth with water then drink half a pint of water. Seek medical attention, especially if vomiting has not occurred. Inhalation Treat symptomatically.	Volunteer or assistant	As part or equipment use preparation.

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Traffic Accident	User / volunteer or another road user	The equipment is NOT to be used on public roads	User / Volunteer to sign risk assessment	User / Volunteer	Whilst using the equipment

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Clerk to Kingscote Parish Council

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