

**RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

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| **Department/Service** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Assessor** |  |
| **Approved By** |  |
| **Review Date** |  |

**Relevant Legislation:**

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

**RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD**

**ACTIVITY and/or ENVIRONMENT TO BE ASSESSED: Latex Allergy**

**DATE:**

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| **KEY (People at risk)** | **Likelihood (L)** | **Severity (S)** | **Risk Calculation** | **Risk Rating** |
| E = Employee YP = Young Persons  P = Public  C = Contractors  V = Visitors  EM = Expectant Mothers | 1. Very Low (rare/very unlikely)  2. Low (unlikely)  3. Medium (could occur/possible)  4. High (likely to occur/probable)  5. Very High (near certain to occur) | 1. Insignificant (nuisance/discomfort)  2. Minor (no lost time)  3. Moderate (time loss)  4. Significant (serious/incapacity to work)  5. Major (Death) | Likelihood x Severity  =  Rating | **1- 6** **LOW RISK** Monitor   * 1. **MEDIUM RISK** Monitor, review & reduce risk where possible   **14-25** **HIGH RISK** Further Action Required |

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| **1.Hazards Identified and potential harm it could cause** | **2. People**  **At Risk** | **3.Controls in Place** | **4.Risk Rating** | | | | **5. Further Action Required/ Recommendations** | **6.Target Date for Completion** |
| **L** | **S** | **Score** | **Risk** |

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| Protein in rubber can cause an allergic reaction Symptoms include:   * Itchy skin irritation * Watery eyes * Runny nose * Sneezing * Coughing * Rashes * Tight chest/ wheezing * Shock * Dizziness |  | * Consultation with GP (person will probably be seeing a hospital consultant as well) * Information on persons medical file /personal file * Information from person affected – how to manage the condition / what to avoid * Provision of non-latex gloves in medical / first aid rooms and other facilities * If allergy is severe person may carry an epi-pen other medication (is there a training need for colleagues / supervisors / teachers etc. in case of emergencies/ severe cases) * Adequate first aid arrangements with specific training around anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) * Emergency procedures if the reaction is severe |  |  |  |  | Health Care Plan  Look around the environment for products that may contain latex e.g.:   * Balloons * Rubber toys – e.g. balls * Bottle nipples – e.g. science laboratories * Rubber bands * Adhesive tape * Compression type bandages * Sanitary pads * Condoms * Certain gloves used for medical care * Catheters * Rubberised PE matting – needs checking * Certain seating covering   Can suitable alternatives be sourced/used? |  |
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