Template only MUST modify to site conditions

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| Site / Area: |       | Date of Assessment |       | Risk Assessment # | **044RA** |
| Completed by (name) |       | Signature |       |
| In Consultation with: |       | Signature |       |
| Identify / describe activity, equipment, area or event you are assessing: | Cold Saw |
| Authorised by: |       | Signature: |       | Date: |       |
| **In conjunction with this risk assessment, training / education and development of a relevant SOP may be required.** |
| **Step 1:** **Identify the hazard/s / Impact:**What do you believe are the hazards?What could happen? | **Step 2: Assess the potential risks:**What do you believe are the risks?How could this happen? | **Step 3: Reducing the risk:**What do you believe can be done to reduce the risk?Controls |
| **Machinery & Equipment*** Operation of the Plant
 | * Worker / others injured whilst changing blade
* Worker injured while conducting maintenance on the plant
 | * Regular workplace inspections are conducted
* Worker / others are provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
* Workers are trained in plant maintenance and all equipment is “locked-out” electrically when maintenance is undertaken
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| **Machinery & Equipment*** Unguarded blades
* Parts disintegrating and / or being ejected
* Sharp edges – moving or stationary
 | * Amputations
* Lacerations
* Contusions
 | * Keep clear of moving parts
* Guarding in place
* Housekeeping
* Preventative Maintenance Schedule
* Pre-operational checks
* Worker / others have PPE available (Eye protection, Safety footwear)
* Lock out / Tag out available
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| **Electricity*** Frayed / loose cords / plugs
* Faulty appliances
* Damaged switches
 | * Electric shock
* Electrocution
* Fire
* Equipment Failure
* Equipment Damage
 | * Visual inspection
* Pre-operational checks
* The plant undergoes regular electrical inspections (test & tag)
* The main power distribution board is RCD protected and RCD’s checked regularly
* Plant is fitted with standard on / off control and hand switch is operational
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| **Noise*** Prolonged Exposure
* Sudden Exposure
 | * Hearing impairment
* Hearing Loss
* Tinnitus
* Poor Communication
 | * Plant is maintained as per manufacturers recommendations (Preventative maintenance Schedule)
* Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available (ear plugs, muffs)
* Workers exposed to excessive / prolonged noise levels undertake audiometric testing (2 yearly)
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| **Hazardous Manual Task*** Sustained or awkward postures
* Repetitive movement
* Stacking / storage
* Fatigue
* Vibration
 | * Incorrect lifting, pushing, pulling, holding & restraining
* Sprains & strains
* Overuse syndrome (RSI)
* Fatigue
* White Finger Syndrome
 | * Effective breaks and task rotation
* Trolleys / sack trucks are available
* Workers / others are trained in manual handling techniques
* Racking is at reasonable height for workers to access heavy items
* Area is clean and tidy to prevent slips, trips and falls
* Effective PPE is made available (Anti vibration gloves)
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| **Gravity*** Wet floors
* Inappropriate footwear
* Poor Housekeeping
 | * Slips, trips and falls
* Concussion
* Fracture
 | * Wet floor signs to be used in area when spills occur
* Appropriate PPE is available for workers / others (enclosed footwear)
* Anti-slip matting in place
* Work area is maintained / cleaned to prevent slips, trips and falls
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| **Lubricant*** Disease
* Spills
* Wet Floors
* Skin reactions
* Inhalation
* Slippage
 | * Slips, trips and falls
* Fractures
* Dermatitis
* Dizziness
* Allergic reaction
* Death
* Poisoning
 | * Wet floor signs to be used in area when spill occurs
* Regular maintenance to ensure lubricant is clean and free of swarf
* Pre-operational checks
* Appropriate PPE available for workers / others (Gloves, enclosed footwear, glasses / googles / face shield)
* Spill kit available for any spills
* Well ventilated area
* Washing facilities available
* Eye wash facilities available
* Lubricant is stored as per manufacturers recommendations
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| * **Other**
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| **Review hazard / risk assessment if task or circumstances change & at intervals appropriate to the level of risk (minimum 5 years)** |
| **Step 4: Monitor & Review:** |
| Were the controls effective? | Were there any unforeseen hazards / incidents? | New controls |
| Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]  | Yes | [ ]  | No | [ ]  |
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