

**Maintenance - No.40 Pressure Washer (List additional hazards, risks and controls particular to your school using the blank template no.69)**

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| Defective equipment  |                               | Wounds   | H  | The washer is visually checked before each use   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Burns  | H  | Defective equipment is taken out of use immediately and repaired by a competent person   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Electrocution  |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Defective equipment leading to injury  |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  | H                             | Residual Circuit Device (RCD's) in use if electrical washer                      |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  | H                             | The pressure washer is serviced annually and records of the service kept on file |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Strong spray from a pressure washer<br><br>Steam   |                               | Cuts or injuries   | H  | The pressure washer lance is never pointed at others   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Burns  | M  | When hosing the area is cordoned off so that pedestrians do not stray into area  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Flying projectile  |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               | Infection from biological agents   | M  | The lowest pressure suitable for the job is used to prevent the unnecessary production of aerosols                                   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               |  | M  | Objects are never moved or pushed with spray from the washer   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  | M                             | The jet is not directed at fragile surfaces                                      |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Unsafe system of work completing drain cleaning and other general work using pressure washer |                               | Infection from biological agents   | H  | Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided and worn   |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               |  | H  | Washing facilities are available and are used if the operator is soiled during drain cleaning  |                           |  |                    |                              |
|  |                               |  | H  | Caretaker is aware that injury from a pressure washer jet might first appear minor at first and that treatment should not be delayed |                           |  |                    |                              |

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| Working at height             |                               | Fall from height       | H  | The pressure washer is not used while working on a ladder<br><br>See 'Maintenance Risk Assessment No. 43 - Work at Height - Ladders' |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Unsafe use and storage        |                               | Slips, trips and falls | H  | The hose is coiled neatly when in use and in storage   |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Diesel fumes (enclosed space) |                               | Asphyxiation           | H  | A diesel powered washer is not used in an enclosed space   |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Electricity                   |                               | Electrocution          | H  | The pressure washer is not used on electrical equipment, distribution boards and fuse boxes  |                           |  |                    |                              |
| Confined space entry          |                               | Asphyxiation           | H  | Employees do not enter into manholes (specialist rescue equipment and oxygen depletion monitors are required)                        |                           |  |                    |                              |
|                               |                               |                        |  |  |                           |  |                    |                              |

If there is one or more **High Risk (H)** actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. **Medium Risk (M)** actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. **Low Risk (L)** actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /