MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Dust Inhalation from Sanding / Abrasive Paper

People at risk and how:
Members of the Parish Council, Contractors, Volunteers, Public.

Older paints being maintained may contain lead. Lead can cause serious health problems such as anaemia or kidney disease.

Our Controls:

1. Wear PPE, gloves and a good quality P2 face mask.
2. DO NOT REMOVE PAINT OR RUST TO BARE METAL.
3. Keep removal to a minimum so as to retain well-adhered paintwork as an established protective coat is a better surface for over-painting.
4. If the paintwork is in bad condition and needs to be rubbed down before painting, use a wire brush.
5. Don't forget to follow the safety instructions if you do use solvents or water based paint removers.
6. When you've taken most of the paint off, moisten the surface and smooth it with a water-proof abrasive paper –don't use dry sandpaper.
7. When you've finished, put the removed paint and any residues or coverings in a safe container –a sealed plastic bag will do –and put it out with the rubbish.
8. Wet wipes and eye wash should be taken on site with first aid kits.

What further action is recommended to reduce risks further

1. All volunteers to ensure they are wearing the correct clothing and footwear that conforms to PPE regulations.
2. Leaving in place paintwork that is in good condition.
3. Only strip back old paint if it is flaking, chipping, giving off dust/ particles or is a risk to children
4. Limit the amount of dust you create. By using a wire brush and wet abrasive paper.
5. Thoroughly wash / clean surfaces and dispose of contaminated waste safely.
6. avoid hand-mouth contact when rubbing down fingerpost components

Risk Rating:| Severity: 3/5 | Likelihood: 2/5 | Risk: Low

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