MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Working Near or Close to Gradients

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

Slips, trips and falls associated with working close to a steep gradient or incline.

Our Controls:

1. Before commencing works, visually check working area for steep gradients and inclines. Extreme care to be taken on steeply sloping ground.
2. A-Frame ladders should not be used on steep gradients.
3. Work area to be dry. Cease works immediately if ground becomes slippery and/or is waterlogged. Works should only recommence once ground has dried and is considered suitable for working.
4. Wear suitable stout/strong walking boots with ankle support and well treaded soles.
5. Never work on a gradient or incline too steep to safely work or beyond your capabilities.
6. If a safe working area cannot be accommodated a safe distance away from the steep gradient or incline, works should cease immediately and advice sought from the supervising Parish Councillor.
7. If working at the base of a steep gradient or incline, visually check ground stability. Do not work in areas immediately below unstable steep slopes. If in any doubt seek advice prior to commencing works.

Risk Rating: Severity: 4/5 | Likelihood: 3/5 | Risk: Medium

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