

Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Plasterer Example RAMS – Skim coat and plasterboard repair package

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Basic Information

Organization: RAMS Builder Example

Client: Example Plasterer Client

Site: Plasterer Example Project - London SW1A 1AA

Scope of Work

Example RAMS covering Skim coat and plasterboard repair package with hazards, permits, COSHH controls, emergency planning, and sign-off ready for project review.

Persons at Risk

Operatives, supervisors, visitors, neighbouring trades, and members of the public near the work area.

Hazards & Risk Assessment

5 hazards identified

Silica dust (plaster/cement mixing)

Example control set for plasterer works on Skim coat and plasterboard repair package.

Pre-Control: 14 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 5 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- RPE (FFP3 mask)
- Wet cutting methods
- LEV where possible

Mixing equipment (paddle mixer)

Example control set for plasterer works on Skim coat and plasterboard repair package.

Pre-Control: 13 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 4 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Guard on drill
- Correct speed setting
- Stable mixing bucket

Manual handling (plasterboard)

Example control set for plasterer works on Skim coat and plasterboard repair package.

Pre-Control: 12 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Board lifter tool used
- Two-person carry
- Clear route maintained

Trestles and steps

Example control set for plasterer works on Skim coat and plasterboard repair package.

Pre-Control: 11 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Inspected before use
- Level ground
- Guard rail on hop-ups

Eye / skin irritation (wet plaster)

Example control set for plasterer works on Skim coat and plasterboard repair package.

Pre-Control: 10 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Safety goggles worn
- Barrier cream applied
- Wash facilities available

Method of Work

6 steps outlined

- 1** Prepare surfaces (PVA, scrim, beading)
Related hazards: Silica dust (plaster/cement mixing)
- 2** Protect surrounding areas with dust sheets
Related hazards: Mixing equipment (paddle mixer)
- 3** Mix plaster to correct consistency
Related hazards: Manual handling (plasterboard)
- 4** Apply coats (scratch, float, skim)
Related hazards: Trestles and steps
- 5** Finish and trowel smooth
Related hazards: Eye / skin irritation (wet plaster)
- 6** Clean tools, remove protection, tidy up
Related hazards: Eye / skin irritation (wet plaster)

Personal Protective Equipment & Permits

PPE Required

Hard hat

FFP3 respirator

Safety glasses/goggles

Gloves

Permits Required

Dust-producing works permit

Working at height permit where tower access is used

COSHH Assessments

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

Bonding plaster

Use: Surface prep and plaster repair works.

Exposure: Dust inhalation, skin contact

Controls:

- Wear FFP3 RPE during mixing
- Use gloves
- Avoid dry sweeping

SDS: <https://rams-builder.app/sds/examples/plasterer-bonding-plaster.pdf>

Emergency Procedures

First Aid

Stop work, make the area safe, and summon the appointed first aider. Escalate any serious injury through the site emergency procedure and record the incident before work restarts.

Fire Emergency

Raise the alarm, stop the task, isolate energy sources where safe to do so, and move to the agreed assembly point. Only trained operatives should attempt first-aid firefighting.

Spill Response

Stop the source if safe, isolate the area, use the spill kit or absorbent materials listed in the COSHH controls, and dispose of contaminated waste in line with the SDS.

Nearest Accident & Emergency

Nearest A&E to be confirmed during site induction and briefed to all operatives before works start.

Signatures & Approvals

This document has been reviewed and approved by:

Example Site Supervisor

Plasterer Supervisor

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This Risk Assessment & Method Statement must be reviewed before work commences.
All operatives must be briefed on the hazards and control measures outlined in this document.