

Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Plasterer RAMS – Skim coat and plasterboard repair package

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Basic Information

Organization: Truecoat Interiors Ltd

Client: Parkside Residential Ltd

Site: Parkside Apartments Repair Works - Sheffield S1 2BJ

Scope of Work

This RAMS covers Skim coat and plasterboard repair package at Parkside Apartments Repair Works. It sets out the planned sequence of work, foreseeable hazards, control measures, permits, PPE, COSHH arrangements, emergency actions, and supervision requirements. The supervisor must review this document with the site-specific induction, construction phase plan, drawings, permits, and changing conditions before work starts.

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)

Silica dust (plaster/cement mixing) can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Skim coat and plasterboard repair package. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 14 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 5 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- RPE (FFP3 mask)
- Wet cutting methods
- LEV where possible
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Mixing equipment (paddle mixer)

Mixing equipment (paddle mixer) can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Skim coat and plasterboard repair package. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 13 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 4 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Guard on drill
- Correct speed setting
- Stable mixing bucket
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Manual handling (plasterboard)

Manual handling (plasterboard) can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Skim coat and plasterboard repair package. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 12 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Board lifter tool used
- Two-person carry
- Clear route maintained
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Trestles and steps

Trestles and steps can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Skim coat and plasterboard repair package. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 11 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Inspected before use
- Level ground
- Guard rail on hop-ups
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

Eye / skin irritation (wet plaster)

Eye / skin irritation (wet plaster) can affect operatives and adjacent trades during Skim coat and plasterboard repair package. Controls are to be verified at the point of work by the supervisor.

Pre-Control: 10 (Medium Risk)

Post-Control: 3 (Low Risk)

Control Measures:

- Safety goggles worn
- Barrier cream applied
- Wash facilities available
- Brief operatives at the daily start-of-shift coordination meeting and stop work if conditions change.

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 contact the appointed first aider via the site emergency number confirmed at induction. The supervisor must report serious incidents to Truecoat Interiors Ltd management and prevent work restarting until the area is safe.

Fire Emergency

Raise the site alarm, stop the task, isolate energy sources only where safe, and proceed by the signed escape route to the designated assembly point. Do not attempt firefighting unless trained and it is safe to do so.

Spill Response

Stop the source if safe, cordon the area, and use the site spill kit or absorbent materials specified by the relevant SDS. Prevent entry to drainage, segregate contaminated waste, and report the event to the supervisor.

Nearest Accident & Emergency

Nearest A&E and the agreed emergency vehicle access point must be confirmed during the Parkside Apartments Repair Works induction, recorded in the daily briefing, and communicated to all operatives.

Signatures & Approvals

This document has been reviewed and approved by:

Amelia Rhodes
Plasterer Supervisor

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Demonstration document using fictional project information. It must be reviewed, adapted, and approved for the actual site before work commences.

All operatives must be briefed on the hazards and control measures that apply to the live task.