

# Risk assessment



<b>Activity / Event name:</b> Cleaning high parts of church – ie any area requiring a ladder to reach it <b>Date of risk assessment:</b> July 2023 <b>Review Date:</b> July 2027			<b>Assessor Name:</b> Charles Pidsley <b>Signed:</b> <b>H&amp;S Officer Name:</b> Paul Ward <b>Signed:</b>		
Activity	Who might be harmed?	What are the hazards?	What do you need to do to control this risk?	Action by who?	Action when?
Climbing a ladder to undertake tasks within the ability of volunteers	Church volunteers	Falling from a height/insecure ladder Possible overreaching	<b>For straight ladders:</b> Ladder to be positioned so both feet are equally supported on a firm footing and cannot slip. The ladder must be angled to minimize the risk of slipping outward. An angle of 75° for a base to height ratio of 1:4. <b>A second person must foot the ladder all the time it is in use.</b> All church volunteers must be aware of the safe use of ladders and hazards which are to be avoided/ladders to be labelled with 'safe-use guidelines' <b>Three points of contact with the ladder should be maintained, primarily two feet and one hand.</b> Ladders are secured at back of church with coded padlock. <b>No overreaching.</b>	All using ladders in church	Whenever using ladders in church
Falling objects, e.g. tools, dust, trip hazards – cables etc.	Church volunteers, general public	Injury, choking from dust/trips	Lock outside doors whilst doing the cleaning and put a notice on the doors that cleaning is in progress. Afterwards that the air and all surfaces are may be full of dust.	The organiser of the cleaning team	Quarterly

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Hazards of cleaning	Church volunteers while cleaning	Inhalation of dust/ debris Eye injury from dust/ debris	Ensure wearing protective mask and if required, protective eyewear and clothing.	Cleaning team	Cleaning team organiser or named person.
Faulty ladders	Church volunteers	Falling, injury	Ladders to be checked before use to ensure they are the correct type for the job and in a safe condition, i.e. no worn, split or damaged rungs and stiles.	All using ladders in church	Before each use any concerns re safety of ladder contact Church Warden.