

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Bacterial or viral infections from contact with contaminated



Thermal discomfort or sunburn from exposure to weather conditions



Impact injuries from collisions with moving vehicles



Trip injuries as a result of obstructions



Back or muscle strain from manual handling

What PPE should the individual wear?



Soft landscaping

Safety Task Card STCBG 45

Including weeding and planting

Safe System of Work

1. You must wear reinforced toe cap safety boots, protective gloves, a high-viz jacket or vest and clothing suitable for the weather conditions.
2. In addition, a mask is required when handling soil, potting mix or compost.
3. Use barriers or signage to restrict access to the work area, particularly when working in areas where there is likely to be pedestrian or vehicle traffic.
4. A CAT scan of the land is required to identify buried cables or utilities before any digging or excavation activities start.
5. Before starting carry out visual inspection of the work area checking for hypodermic needles, nitrous oxide cylinders, trip hazards and wasp and bee nests, and dog, fox and cat faeces. Report any hazards identified to your manager.
6. Use good manual handling practices when carrying or lifting/lowering items.
7. Open bags of compost and potting mix slowly and direct the opening away from your face and others.
8. Keep the area tidy to prevent obstructions.
9. Remove all waste in the appropriate waste stream.
10. Thoroughly wash your hands after completing the task.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding

