

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Pinching injuries when assembling/disassembling



Trip injuries from obstructions



Impact injuries as a result of adverse weather conditions or incorrect assembled parasol

## Parasols

Safety Task Card  
**STCGE 57**

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

### Safe System of Work

1. Ensure the parasol is suitable for the purpose and that it is fire retardant to BS 7837:1996 or equivalent.
2. Consider the current and forecast weather conditions before erecting a parasol. They should not be erected during heavy rain or snow, strong winds, hail or thunderstorms.
3. Visually check the parasol and do not use if damaged or in poor condition. Report this to your manager.
4. Ensure that the base is secure, and that the parasol is securely fixed within the base.
5. Before opening or closing a parasol, check that the surrounding area is clear and that there are no obstructions which may impede the parasol.
6. Ensure that there are no pedestrians that may be hit by the opening or closing parasol.
7. Stand back when opening and closing the parasol to avoid being hit.
8. Use good manual handling practices, keeping your back straight and positioning your feet so that you are balanced.
9. Keep hands and fingers away from moving parts to prevent pinch or entrapment injuries.
10. When opening and closing a rope-controlled parasol, ensure that you keep a firm hold of the rope until the parasol is secured and then ensure that excess rope is stored so that it does not pose a trip hazard.
11. Where the base may pose a trip hazard ensure that the area is clear and the base visible. Consider highlighting the hazard with coloured tape or similar.
12. Do not attempt to move a parasol and base together, but close and remove the parasol, transporting both separately using good manual handling practices.
13. The gazebo or tent must be clean and dry before it is put away to prevent mould growth.

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

