

Dennington Parish Council.		RISK ASSESSMENT		RA 05 - 00 (April 2022)		
ACTIVITY COVERED BY THIS ASSESSMENT: USE OF TRESTLES						
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS			ASSESSMENT OF RISK			
			INSIGNIFICANT	LOW	MED	HIGH
1.	Falls of persons from working platform				x	
2.	Falls of materials			x		
3.	Collapse of trestle				x	
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ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISKS:						
Compliance with: (e.g. acts, regulations, codes, standards, company, safety, policy)						
Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 and AcoP L22						
Work @ Height regs 2005						
British Standard BS 1129:1990 Specification for portable timber ladders, steps, trestles & lightweight staging						
British Standard BS 2037: 1994 Specification for portable aluminium, ladders, steps, trestles & lightweight staging.						
PLANNING: (e.g. pre-contract, maintenance, work sequence, interaction between trades or contractors)						
Lightweight staging or mobile access scaffolding should be used in preference to trestles. Trestles should only be planned for use for light work of relatively short duration.						
PHYSICAL: (e.g. access, ppe, requirements, equipment requirements, barriers/fencing, signs)						
Lightweight staging should be used in preference to boards, to be positioned so that at least 1/3 of the height of the trestle is above the platform. Staging / platform width must be at least 600mm. Toeboards and guardrails are required to all platforms above. When scaffold boards are used on trestles the distance between the trestles should not exceed that recommended for the thickness of boards used. Boards must not over-hang the trestles by more than 150mm. Trestles must be based on firm and level ground.						
MANAGERIAL/SUPERVISORY: (e.g. checks and actions required by supervision)						
All equipment used will be checked to ensure it is in good order before use, to ensure no loose or damaged cross bearers, the hinges are in good order, and that there are no defective stiles (loose or missing bolts or screws). Management must supervise the use of trestles, to ensure that operatives moving and erecting trestles are properly trained and instructed, and that those using trestles do not over – reach.						
TRAINING: (e.g. specific employee /operator training or certification required)						
Training and instruction must be provided to all operatives and supervisory staff involved in the use of trestles as above.						
<i>This generic assessment must be completed by addition of specific site details on the reverse</i>						