



Landcare Tasmania

Generic hazards checklist

Important note: This checklist is not definitive and has been produced as part of our commitment to continuous improvement to safety in Landcare. Please contact us if there are hazards that arise regularly in Landcare activities that should be added to the list.

Hazard	Notes & examples of associated risks
Use of motor vehicles	Travel in vehicles
Terrain conducive to slips, trips and falls	Twists, sprains and breaks
Working in hot conditions	Heat exhaustion, sunstroke, sunburn, skin cancers, organ failure leading to death (extreme)
Working in cold conditions	Hypothermia
Bites and stings	Snake and spider bites, insect stings, tick borne disease, bites and stings from marine creatures
Manual handling	Strain injuries to limbs, back injuries
Unsafe food	Food poisoning from improper storage
Seed collection	As for manual handling, hay fever and asthma
Tree planting	As for manual handling, back and foot injury, cuts
Fencing activities	As for manual handling, eye injuries, cuts
Litter collection	Needlestick injuries, cuts, infectious diseases
Working with chemicals	Poisoning, irritations, manual handling injuries
Weeding	As for chemical and manual handling, cuts, spikes
Plant propagation	As for manual handling, soil borne infection
Surveying and data collection	Wide range of risks as above, becoming lost
Using power tools	Electrocution, serious cuts, eye injuries
Using swinging tools (e.g. axes, matticks, mallets)	As manual handling, foot and leg injuries
Using cutting tools (e.g. brush hooks, secateurs)	Severe cuts, eye injuries
Working near roads	Collision with vehicles, dust and stone injuries
Working near heavy machinery	Hearing damage, being crushed, dust injuries
Working with or near chainsaws, brushcutters	Potentially fatal cuts, eye injuries, hearing damage
Working at heights	Falling from height, falling objects
Working with or near animals	Bites, infections, crush injuries, strains
Working in or near water	Drowning, water borne disease, bites and stings
Working in the dark	Trips and falls, hypothermia, becoming lost
Working with schools or children	Variable risks. Note that separate laws apply to working with children in Tasmania