

Cornerstone Vocational Training Ltd

Risk Assessment

Reference: PAV01

Title	Laying block paving & paving slabs	Date Of Assessment	Tue 02 Sep 2025
Site	Wirral Training Centre	Location	70 Price Street
Risk Assessor	Brendan Bell	Assisted By	-
Non-Employees Involved	-	People At Risk	Visitors, Children & Young Persons, Service Users, Employees
Task Description	Laying block paving & paving slabs		
Review Date	Tue 01 Sep 2026	Reviewer	Brendan Bell

Hazards

Hazard	Manual handling
Risk Of Harm	Moving large amounts of block paving and sand without using the correct techniques could cause musculoskeletal injuries
Existing Control Measures	1. Move large amounts of block paving around the centre on the trolley provided and use the correct techniques to move the trolley. 2. Move large amounts of sand around the centre on a pallet, moved by the pump trolley provided and use the correct techniques to move the pump trolley. 3. Stack materials in a place that is easily accessible to reduce the need to twist the body

Hazard	Repetitive Movements
Risk Of Harm	Repeatedly handling individual block and placing them into position may put strain on the forearm and elbow
Existing Control Measures	1. Take regular breaks from handling blocks and putting them in place.

Hazard	Uneven, Wet or Slippery Floors
Risk Of Harm	Uneven surfaces could become a trip hazard and cause injury such as cut, bruises and abrasions.
Existing Control Measures	1. Learners are to use a spirit level to prevent uneven placement of the block paving. Learners are asked to level each block before moving onto the placement of the next.

Hazard	Impact injury
Risk Of Harm	Placing the block paving in place and hitting it with a rubber mallet may cause impact/crush injury. Injuries that may occur are cuts, bruising and broken bones.
Existing Control Measures	1. Wear safety gloves to lessen the impact of the mallet hitting the hand/fingers 2. Concentrate and keep the hand/fingers away from the impact area