# RA26 Weed spraying

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## Key To Assessment:

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| Use of chemicals     | Pest control technician
                        Operatives
                        Site users                                   | • Wear correct PPE (personal protective equipment) and use chemicals as per instructions
• Be aware of spray drift during treatment, tailoring usage around weather conditions.
• Ensure any persons other than those carrying out spraying are away from working area, and signs stating that spraying is in progress
• ensure nobody enters the site                     |                                           | Low risk |
| Equipment            | Pest control technician
                        Operatives
                        Site users                                   | • Ensure equipment is well-maintained at all times and used only by fully trained and experienced operatives, in accordance with training received, and safe working practices |                                           | Low risk |
| Difficult terrain    | Pest control technician
                        Operatives
                        Site users                                   | • Survey and assess terrain in which work is to be carried out, taking note of hazardous areas and using caution accordingly
• Two men to be present, constantly informed of each others actions |                                           | Low risk |
| Effect of chemical on surrounding area | Harm to non-target vegetation | • Ensure chemicals selected for use are appropriate for working area.
• Measures to be taken to ensure non-target vegetation affected e.g use of weed wipers in high risk areas |                                           | Low risk |
METHOD STATEMENT – SPRAYING OF WEED KILLER

• arrive on site
• sign in
• enquire if any induction is needed for that site
• put on correct PPE for mixing chemical as per the manufacturer’s label, ie, gloves, face shield, coverall
• mix weed killer following manufacturer’s instructions on the label and in a safe area, away from public and ground that could be contaminated or produce run-off if concentrate was spilt
• prior to spraying, carry out a mental risk assessment for that particular site, to take into account before starting the work:

1. Other person’s activities on that site
2. Environmental factors which could be wind direction, wind speed, rain
3. Any spray drift that could happen while working and how to minimise this landing on neighbouring properties

• Carry out and complete work
• Remove PPE in the correct manner
• pack into the van correctly
• re pack chemicals and equipment back into the van correctly to avoid spillage
• issue any verbal instructions and treatment report sheet to the site manager
• sign out
• leave site