



THE CHURCH  
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# Health and Safety Risk Assessment The Church of St Mary the Virgin Wambrook



Revised February 2019.



## Risk, Health and Safety Assessment February 2019.

Venue:- St Mary the Virgin ~ Wambrook	Survey carried out jointly by a member of the PCC and the Churchwarden.	Contact details:- See Church website
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Hazard	Who May be affected?	Level of Risk	Precautions/actions & further actions
Hazard identified during survey	Persons or equipment at risk	Likely severity of outcome without controls: High: fatal/major ~ Medium : Lost time  Low: 1 <sup>st</sup> aid/minor	Control measures that will be employed to reduce assessed uncontrolled risks to acceptably low levels.
Dangers from falling branches of trees	All	Low	None required.
Injury from falling into open grave or falling gravestone.	All	Low	Gravestones surveyed regularly and the risk of falling into open grave(s) announced at funeral services.
Loose / falling masonry from the tower	All	Low / Medium	Repairs Completed August 2017 (LPOW II)
Persons falling from the bell chamber into the Nave	Bell-ringers	Low	Only bell-ringers allowed in the bell chamber and made aware of the risk.
Risk to bell-ringers from bell ropes	Bell-ringers	Low	Captain of the Tower regularly reminds ringers of the risk.
Asbestos (If present)	All	High	Assessment to be carried out to establish presence/risk.
Electric shock	Those using the building electrical controls	Low	Hazard(s) identified in 2014 completed. Next survey due Feb 2020.
Materiel hazards <sup>1</sup> (Petrol)	Church lawn mower operators	Low	Petrol under lock and key in the mower shed. Dispensed outside in the church-yard.
High attendance during special services or public activity.	All	Low	Fire exits announced at the beginning of the activity. (Also a standing item at the A.P.C.M.)
Machinery hazards	Volunteer mowers / strimmer operators.	Low	Standing orders setting out the risks and precautions in place for strimming/mowing.
Food hygiene	All	Low	No food is prepared on site, minor risk from biscuits/nibbles/tea/coffee.
Manual handling	N/A	Low	No manual handling carried out.
Child abuse	All young people	Low	Children's safeguarding officer in place. <sup>2</sup>
Special events:- i.e. Cream teas / Scarecrows	All	Low	No risk.
Disability issues	Disabled people	Low	Wheelchair ramp available for deployment.

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Fire risk	All <sup>3</sup>	Low	Fire detected during a service would be quickly seen and people directed to the exits. Two water based extinguishers on site regularly checked under contract. Exit procedure announced before events.
Fire risk when the building is empty	None	Low	Likely to be seen from the road or by nearby residents/Fire brigade to attend.
Personal assault	All	Low	Low risk area/no evidence of such activity/none.

Notes:-

1. No hazardous material is held within the main Church building. Mowing and strimming operators made aware of personal risks and flying debris from strimming. Protective goggles and clothing should be worn at all times.
2. A children's safeguarding officer has been appointed and a safeguarding policy has been adopted, (February 2017).
3. Standing announcement at events where candles or other naked flames may be used. E.g. Nativity play.