

Risk Assessment – Cattle foot trimming

Department:	LKL	Site:	Relief and Contract Farms
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		Reassessed:	
Task description		Trimming of cattle feet	
Placing the animal in a crush, trimming overgrown and infected feet, using knives and grinding equipment and administering medicines or treatment to the animal or foot.			
Personnel Affected:			
Stock person			
Potential Hazards:		Control Measures :	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoonoses transmitted from cows to human could cause a variety of conditions and diseases. 2. Crushing or kicking may cause injury. 3. Slips, trips and Falls around the crush area could cause injury. 4. The foot trimming equipment could cause injury such as cuts or foreign bodies in the eye. 5. Skin irritation from chemicals and medicines used to treat the cattle. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear PPE – (gloves) and wash hands regularly, especially prior to eating. All cuts and open wounds to be kept clean and dressed. Toilet and washing facilities to be available. Any specific infection known to the farmer should be reported to all persons involved in handling the cattle and further precautions taken if required. Annual testing of the herd. Good standard of hygiene maintained. 2. All employees are experienced in dealing with cattle and carrying out foot trimming. The crush is to be kept in a good condition and well maintained. The crush is to be purpose built with foot restraints, belly winches and adequate space. 3. All milking personnel should wear sound Wellington boots with good tread. The crush area should be clean, clutter free and well maintained. 4. All grinders must have guards in place and the condition of the grinding disc and knife blades should be checked before use. Appropriate PPE should be worn, including wrist guards, apron and eye protection when grinders are being used. 5. COSHH assessments and data sheet to be available. Gloves to be worn when required. 	
Probability:		Severity:	
Certain: Could happen anytime	=4	Death	=4
Probable: Likely to happen	=3	Serious temporary injury	=3
Possible: May happen	=2	Minor Injury	=2
Remote: Little or no chance of occurrence	=1	First Aid injury (small cuts, etc)	=1
		Risk Factor:	Residual Risk:
		Low: 1 to 3	6 – High
		Medium: 4 to 7	
		High: 8 to 11	
		Very High: 12 to 16	
Action Required & Target Dates/Other Comments:			

