Risk Assessment for Christmas Tree at Loxley Hall, Hope, Derbyshire

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Any incidents, near misses or accidents should be reported to Hope with Aston Parish Council Clerk within 24 hours.

FORESEEABLE HAZARD	DANGER OR HARM THAT COULD RESULT FROM UNCONTROLLED HAZARD	SEVERITY(S)	PROBABILITY (P)	RISK (S X P)	ACTION TAKEN TO PROVIDE THE CONTROL MEASURES NECESSARY TO MINIMISE THE RISK	RESIDUAL SEVERITY (S2)	RESIDUAL PROBABILITY	RESIDUAL RISK (S2 X (P2)
Unstable tree - during installation	Personal Injury to installer and passersby	4	3	12	Installation by The Happy Tree Company following their risk assessment.	4	2	8
Light Entanglement	Personal Injury to light installer and passersby	3	4	12	Installation by The Happy Tree Company following their risk assessment.	3	2	6
Unstable tree - post installation	Personal injury to passersby and damage to property	4	4	16	Tree secured to building and positioned in a sheltered place.	4	2	8
Fall / trip over light cable.	Personal Injury to passersby	4	3	9	Light cable positioned high level and fed from high level access to Loxley Hall. Regular checks that cable is secure by Parish Councillors.	4	1	4
Strong Winds	Personal injury to passersby and damage to property	4	3	12	Tree secured to building and positioned in a sheltered place. Tree stability re-checked after strong winds and resecured if necessary.	4	1	5

Electrocution	Personal injury to passersby and damage to property	5	3	15	Ensure lights are suitable for outdoor use i.e. IP65 rated. Access to the 240V electric supply is only possible by authorised persons as it is located inside Loxley Hall.	5	1	5
Damage / Vandalism	Personal injury to passersby and damage to property	5	3	15	Tree is located within the boundary wall of Loxley Hall. Regular inspections carried out when Parish Councillors are passing Loxley Hall.	5	1	5

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Carried out by Alison Wheeler