

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM: Treatment of wasp nests using dust and spray insecticides.

1. Risk Assessment For:		2. Assessment Undertaken By:		3. Location of task:	
Customer Name:		Name: Andy Wood			
Site Address:		Date: 15Oct2025			
		Select one of the following:			
		Single Job / Short Term Job / Service Contract /			
		Generic Risk Assessment			
Date:		Date to be Reviewed: 15Oct2026			

4. Briefly describe the task/process and type of property:
<p>Treatment involves the safe location and eradication of active wasp nests using approved professional insecticidal dusts and sprays (e.g. Vulcan D5 DP or equivalent). Work includes a preliminary inspection to identify the nest position and entry points, assessing height, access, and risk to occupants or the public. The technician applies insecticide directly to the nest entrance or cavity using a suitable applicator or extension lance, following COSHH and product label guidance. Operations may take place externally (eaves, rooflines, sheds) or internally (lofts, wall cavities). Post-treatment, the site is checked to confirm reduced activity and safety advice is issued to the customer.</p>

5. List significant hazards, groups at risk, risk ratings and control measures:					
Ref No.	Significant Hazard	Groups at Risk	Pre-control Risk L-M-H	Control Measures	Post-control Risk : L-M-H
1	Exposure to insecticide dusts or sprays (dermal or inhalation risk)	Technician	M	Wear RPE, gloves, eye protection, and coveralls. Apply insecticides according to COSHH and label requirements. Avoid over-application and ensure adequate ventilation.	L
2	Wasp stings during or after treatment	Technician, public	H	Assess nest activity before approach. Wear bee veil or full face protection. Maintain safe retreat path. Inform customer to keep away until nest is inactive.	L
3	Working at height to reach external nests (eaves, roofs)	Technician	H	Use appropriate ladders or extension equipment; ensure stable ground; follow Work at Height Regulations.	M
4	Accessing confined loft or roof spaces	Technician	M	Check for structural stability, adequate lighting, and ventilation. Avoid stepping between joists.	L
5	Public or pets entering treated area too soon	Public, pets	M	Warn occupants to stay away during treatment and for at least 24 hours after. Post-warning notice if required.	L

6. Specific considerations to be made:
<p>Confirm wasp species and activity level before treatment; delay if poor weather or high winds may spread insecticide. Ensure members of the public, pets, and non-essential persons remain at least 5 metres from the treatment area. Check for power lines or fragile roofing before using extension poles or ladders. If treating indoors, maintain ventilation and avoid confined-space exposure. Advise the customer not to disturb the nest or treated area for at least 24 hours and to monitor for residual activity. Collect any dead wasps safely and dispose of them with general waste once inactive. Follow BPCA guidance, manufacturer safety data sheets, and Red Pencil Pest Control safe-use procedures at all times.</p>

Technician Name (PRINT):	Andy Wood	Memo: Risk rating = Severity of hazard X Likelihood of Risk Hazard – Action or activity with the POTENTIAL to cause harm Risk – The LIKELIHOOD of such a hazard causing harm (Who and How)
Signature / Date:	Electronic 15Oct2025	

It is the responsibility of all persons involved with the task to ensure that this assessment is suitable, sufficient, and followed. If more than five significant hazards are found on site, this document may not be suitable.