

METHOD STATEMENT				
Ref	Activity	Date	Initial	Residual
G6	Bricklaying - heavy building blocks off scaffold	XXX	H	L

Method	Trowelling mixed mortar, manual handling of blocks, pointing.
Hazards	Site activity and conditions; manual handling, wet mortar, Head and Foot.
Risks	Back strain, repetitive strain, skin problems, Head and Foot injury.
Population Exposed	Operative primarily. Workers below (fall of materials).
Controls Statutory	Scaffold with Brick Guards, inspections and entry in F91 Register. HSE Guidance on Building Blocks (Sheet 37) interpreting Manual Handling Regulations. If lifting devices used to move blocks, require inspections and records. Head protection.
Other Controls	20kg maximum weight for repetitious laying of blocks by lone worker. Above 20kg, mechanical aids or team work. Attempt to secure client approval for lighter blocks to be specified (double skinning if necessary). Work planned to minimise handling, storing materials close to hand, raise storage areas to minimise lift, providing good access, minimising turning movements. Mechanical aids or team work required for moving/laying the blocks. Mortar and skin. (COSHH Assess) Feet - site is foot protection zone, safety boots to be worn.
Consultation	Above to be discussed at a brief pre-work meeting with employees.
Documentation	Method for handling heavy blocks to be documented.
Implementation	Supervisor to ensure work area properly set up to minimise handling problems. Good hand washing facilities and gloves to be available. Supervisor/Operatives to check that access to working areas is safe.
Information Instruction	New employees - induction on company policy and procedures, and for safe working before permitted to work.
Training	Ensure operatives receive kinetic handling briefing.
PPE	Head and foot protection to be worn. Gloves to be available if required.
Monitoring	Constant supervision to regularly check manual handling arrangements during progress of job.
Systems Review	Review at end of each major contract to confirm back strain injuries minimised.