

8.0 Method Statement for high level cleaning in the church

Extent of risk

High level cleaning in the church is an annual task which has traditionally been carried out by parishioners. It is probably one of the highest risk activities that takes place at the church by parishioners and therefore the restriction on the use of ladders only by appointed competent persons or those approved by them applies.

Method

Wherever possible, high level cleaning should be undertaken by the use of extending cleaning poles held at ground level.

Areas that cannot be safely reached without specialist equipment

Where it is not reasonably possible to reach areas with the use of extending cleaning poles, then it will be deemed necessary to employ the services of a specialist cleaning company, utilising proprietary access equipment. Under no circumstances are parishioners to attempt to clean areas that cannot safely be cleaned whilst following these procedures.

In the event of an accident

If there is an accident, one person must stay with the injured person and the second must summon help. There is a very poor mobile signal in the church, therefore the Church phone located in the South Transept vestry adjacent to the audio equipment must be used. There is a first aid kit in the vestry.

Implementation

This document is available to all PCC members and those authorised above to use the ladder for high level cleaning. A notice is displayed by the ladder which states that it may only be used by authorised persons.

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