**SECTION 3 OF RISK ASSESSMENT:**

**GUIDENCE FOR HANDLING**

**CHEMICALS, PETROL AND LAWN TREATMENTS**

* No eating, drinking or smoking allowed when handling materials
* Up to 30L of petrol can be stored. Petrol must be stored in metal or plastic containers or one demountable fuel tank.
* All other chemicals and lawn treatments must be stored in their original labelled containers
* Individuals should familiarise themselves with the potential risks, handling requirements and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be worn for each material handled. PPE is available in the Health and Safety section of the hut.
* Labels on containers or where available Safety Data Sheets (SDS) will contain information pertaining to the risks and PPE required .
* SDS’s contain information about chemicals. The following sections include useful information:
  + Section 4 – First aid measures
  + Section 7 – Handling and storage
  + Section 8 – Exposure control and PPE requirements
* Wash hands after use
* Wash reusable PPE e.g. Safety glasses and face visors after use

**ADDITIONAL GUIDENCE FOR SPRAYING LAWN TREATMENTS**

Spraying lawn treatments should only be carried out when there is no wind or breeze.

Members should be notified of upcoming spraying sessions and any associated risks or precautions to be taken.

Spraying lawn treatments generates airborne particles so additional precautions should be considered to minimise risk of skin contamination, eye contact and inhalation of spray particles.

The following PPE is recommended when spraying:

* Skin Protection - Long sleeve tops and long trousers, Close toe shoes, Gloves. Clothes should be washed after use.
* Eye protection - Safety Glasses or Face Visor
* Prevent Inhalation – Face Mask or Face Visor

N.B

A First aid kit including eye wash is available in the hut