## 

**PLASTIC SHREDDER**

## Scope

This document is intended to estimate potential human health and environmental risks posed by current and potential future conditions at **State Library of Queensland (State Library) Fabrication Lab** Facility. The risk assessment describes the approach to the risk assessment and facilitates appropriate ways to evaluate current and future risks.

Refer to the **Safe Operating Procedures** (**SOP**) for information regarding the safe usage and check list for this equipment.

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| Plant/Equipment Description: **Plastic Shredder** | |
| Leaders:  **Daniel Flood** | |
| Locations:  **The Edge Fabrication Lab – Machine Shop** | |
| Assessment Date:  **02/03/2020** | Review Date:  **02/03/2021** |

*N.B. This assessment can remain active for up to 5 years. However, an annual monitoring and review process should be undertaken and recorded – refer to the last page of this document.*

*Below are the details of the manufacturing or production processes attributed to this item of equipment categorised by their assessed inherent risk levels (refer to the Equipment/Process Risk Matrix). The actions required for approval for each level of inherent risk are mandatory.*

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| **Inherent Risk Level** | | **Details of Processes** | **Action Required/Approval** |
| 🗹 | **Low** | * When comfortably sized pieces of plastic material can shredded without the use of a plunger stick. * When the plastic material can be run through the shredder without endangering the hands or fingers. * When short term running of the motor to prevent over-heating. * When the supervisor can monitor controlled usage. | * Manage through regular planning processes |
| 🗹 | **Medium** | * When thick and/or over-sized plastic material is being shredded. * When material is required to be pushed through shredder with a plunger stick. * When the supervisor cannot always monitor controlled usage. | * Document controls in planning documents and/or complete this *Plant Risk Assessment*. |

Minimum standards

| Minimum qualifications and experience *Listed below are the general “minimum” recommendations for the management of this Plant/Equipment.*  🗹 *Indicate the minimum management controls.* |
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| X State Library staff member with experience, ability and competency in the safe use of this plant/equipment  *(indicate one or more of the following):*  X Specific knowledge of the safe and correct use of this plant/equipment  X Experience (i.e. previous involvement and familiarity) in the safe use of this plant/equipment  X Demonstrated expertise, ability and competency with this plant/equipment  Documented qualifications relating to the use of this plant/equipment (e.g. in a staff profile)  **OR**  X A Contractor, other than a State Library staff member, with:  X Expertise in the safe and correct use of this plant/equipment  Documented qualifications that demonstrate experience, ability and competency in the safe use of this plant/equipment. |
| X Will any staff require initial and/or ongoing training for the safe use of this plant/equipment?  If yes, give details:  **Initial training required** |
| X Will members be operating this plant/equipment?  If yes, state how members use of this plant/equipment will be managed (e.g. Workshop Safety Induction)  Give details:  **Equipment safety induction & active supervision** |
| Further information if required: |
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| Minimum control requirements |
| Supporting documentation available in the school on this plant/equipment includes:  Operators Manual  X Safe Operating Procedures (SOP)  X Equipment Maintenance Records (EMR)  X A process for recording student safety induction e.g. Student induction register  X A process for recording staff training and experience, e.g. Staff induction register |
| X All guards are in place and in good working order for this plant/equipment |
| Safe Working Zones are defined for this plant/equipment (e.g. yellow lines and/or appropriate signage) |
| X Suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) is available to be used by all operators |
| X This plant/equipment complies with relevant safety standards |
| Further information if required: **Mobile plant. Supervisor to access safe working zone before use.** |

Hazards and control measures

*Listed below are indicative hazards/risks and suggested control measures. These are by no means exhaustive lists. Add details of any other hazards/risks or additional controls you intend to implement.*

🗹 *Indicate the control measures adopted. Detail their implementation and any additional controls required.*

| **Hazards/Risks** | **Hierarchy of Recommended**  **Control Measures** | **Yes** | **No** | **Details of how this will be implemented***(and any additional controls)* |
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| **Exposure to Rotating**  **or Moving Parts:**   * **Entanglement and**   **Entrapment**  Could hair, clothing, ties, jewellery or other materials become entangled with moving parts of plant or materials in motion?   * **Striking**   Could anyone be struck by moving objects such as the work piece being ejected, or by the unexpected or uncontrolled movement of the plant or work piece?   * **Crushing and**   **Pinching**  Could anyone be crushed or pinched due to falling uncontrolled or unexpected movement of plant or its load tipping or rolling over, or contact with moving parts during testing, inspection or maintenance?   * **Cutting, Stabbing**   **and Puncturing**  Can anyone be cut, stabbed or punctured by coming into contact with moving plant or parts, or objects such as ejected work piece or waste? | 1. Where possible, potentially hazardous combination plant and machinery such the linisher/sander is substituted or replaced with less hazardous alternatives. | X |  | **Supervisor to consider the requirements and alternates** |
| 1. All necessary machinery guards and safety devices are in place protecting workers from all moving parts. | X |  | **As per machine standards and general pre-flight checks and procedures** |
| 1. “Lock Out” or warning “Danger” tags are affixed to all linisher/sanders under repair or maintenance preventing workers from using the equipment. | X |  | **Standard LOTO procedures** |
| 1. Staff and members training is provided to minimise exposure to these hazards. | X |  | **Safety induction** |
| 1. Safe operating procedures (SOPs) are available and clearly displayed for all linisher/sander combination machinery | X |  | **At machine and in SOP folder** |
| 1. “Safe Working Zones” around all linisher/sanders are clearly defined by yellow safety lines (or similar). |  | X | **Mobile plant. Supervisor to assess the safe working zone before use.** |
| 1. Emphasis is placed on the requirement for plant operators to remove all jewellery, tuck in loose clothing and tie back long hair. | X |  | **As per SOP requirements** |
| 1. Operators are to be particularly virgulate when using the pusher stick to push material into the shredder blades. | X |  | **Pusher stick designed to be unable to contact the shredder blades** |
| 1. All appropriate and approved personal protective equipment (PPE) is used where required. | X |  | **All PPE is provided, as per SOP requirements** |
| **Slips, Trips, Falls**  **and Abrasions:**  Can anyone using the plant or in the vicinity of the plant, slip, trip or fall due to the working environment or other factors?  e.g. Poor housekeeping, dust on floors, slippery or uneven work surfaces, power cables across work areas causing injuries and abrasions? | 1. Slip resistant flooring is encouraged. Regular checks are made for unsafe wear and damage. Inspections are made for any power leads or hoses, etc. | X |  | **Anti-slip mats available if required** |
| 1. Procedures are in place for the disposal of all waste materials around the plastic shredder. | X |  | **Storage & waste disposal procedures** |
| 1. Staff training is provided to minimise exposure to these hazards. | X |  | **Safety induction** |
| **Environmental:**   * **Noise**   Is it likely that the normal operation of this plant will produce excessive noise levels?   * **Dust, Fumes and Vapours**   Is it likely there will be airborne dust particles, toxic fumes or volatile vapours produced and therefore be present in the workspace?   * **Lighting**   Is there insufficient lighting to operate this plant in a safe manner?  e.g. Is there a possible strobe lighting effect caused by faulty fluorescent tubes in the workspace? | 1. All Plastic Shredder is regularly inspected and maintained to help minimise the risk of exposures to these hazards. | X |  | **Routine checks and maintenance** |
| 1. Plastic Shredder maintenance is documented in a register (EMRs). | X |  | **Service records** |
| 1. Exposure to noisy workshop environments is monitored and evaluated regularly for all workers. | X |  | **Monitoring of excess noise during operations by supervisor** |
| 1. Engineering controls (or physical changes) such as mandatory machinery guarding or any protective safety screens and enclosures are in place in all workspaces and all in good working condition. | X |  | **As per design standards** |
| 1. Staff and members training is provided to minimise exposure to these hazards. | X |  | **Safety induction** |
| 1. Good lighting is provided to all workspaces and this is maintained on a regular basis. Fluorescent tubes are checked and replaced as required. | X |  | **As per workspace risk assessment** |
| 1. All appropriate and approved personal protective equipment (PPE) is used where required. | X |  | **All PPE is maintained and provided** |
| **Electrical:**  Can the operator be injured by electrical shock due to working near or contacting with damaged or poorly maintained live electrical conductors such as power outlets, extension leads, safety switches, starters and isolators or casual water on the floor near plant ad machinery? | 1. The Plastic Shedder is fitted with a Direct on Line (DOL) Start/Stop switch (red and green buttons). | X |  | **As per the manufacturers specifications** |
| 2. “Lock Out” or warning “Danger” tags are affixed to all linisher/sanders under repair and maintenance. | X |  | **Standard LOTO procedures** |
| 3. Electrical safety inspections are completed regularly as per guidelines for all fixed machinery including the linisher/sanders. | X |  | **Annually. As per QLD WHS requirements** |
| 4. Electrical maintenance on all linisher/sanders is documented in EMRs | X |  | **Service records** |
| **Exposure:**   * **Friction**   Is the plant likely to generate heat by friction? Could the plant operator accidentally come into contact with moving materials or machinery components resulting in friction burns to the skin, particularly hands?   * **Hazardous**   **Substances**  Is it likely that the plant operator or others nearby in the workspace could be exposed to hazardous or toxic chemicals such as volatile vapours, fumes or airborne toxic dust particulates? | 1. Plastic Shredder is regularly maintained to help minimise the risk of exposures to these hazards. | X |  | **Routine checks and maintenance** |
| 1. All Plastic Shredder maintenance is documented in a maintenance register. | X |  | **Service records** |
| 1. Hazardous Substance Risk Assessments are completed for substances such as any toxic fine dusts produced as a result of this machining process. | X |  | **As per hazardous substance risk assessment** |
| 1. Staff and members training is provided to minimise exposure to these hazards. | X |  | **Safety induction** |
| 1. “Safe Working Zones” around all linisher/sanders are clearly defined by yellow safety lines (or similar). | X |  | **Mobile plant. Supervisor to assess the safe working zone before use.** |
| 1. All appropriate and approved personal protective equipment (PPE) is used where required. | X |  | **As per SOP requirements** |
| **Ergonomics and**  **Manual Handling:**  Can the plant be safely operated, in a suitable location, providing clear and unobstructed access?  Poorly designed work stations often necessitate teachers and students performing manual tasks involving heavy lifting and lowering, pushing, pulling or carrying, etc. Such tasks then contribute to a range of musculoskeletal sprains and strains for workers. | 1. Machinery and work benches planned and adjusted to a comfortable work height thus minimising any unsafe or excessively strenuous manual tasks. | X |  | **Use of standard working heights and adjustable stands as required** |
| 1. Sufficient workspace is provided to help ensure unobstructed, safe operation. | X |  | **Supervisor to assess work space requirements** |
| 1. “Safe Working Zones” are clearly defined around all linisher/disc sanders. Floors are free of excessive wood dust, waste materials and other extraneous objects. | X |  | **Mobile plant. Supervisor the assess the safe working zone before use.** |
| 1. Staff training is provided with regard to manual handling techniques and procedures to minimise exposure to these hazards. | X |  | **Staff safety and manual handling training.** |
| **Explosion and Fire:**  As a consequence of using this particular item of plant and equipment, could anyone be injured by the release of stored energy triggered by volatile, explosive substances such as stored gasses, vapours or liquids?  Could fire and explosion also result from a build-up of wood dust under the table saw, in the dust extraction system or in confined ceiling spaces? | 1. Fire extinguishers of the correct type are readily available in all workspaces and positioned near exit doorways. | X |  | **As per Australian Standards** |
| 1. Staff training is provided regarding procedures for the correct and appropriate use of fire safety equipment. | X |  | **Staff Fire & Evac training.** |
| 1. Exits from buildings and other work areas are defined and access to them kept clear of obstructions. | X |  | **As per Australian building codes** |
| 1. Safety signage is posted clearly denoting the location of all fire safety items and emergency exits. | X |  | **As per Australian building codes** |

| **Other Hazards/Risks** | **Additional Control Measures** *These would relate to the specific student needs, locations and conditions in which you are conducting your activity.* |
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| **Approval** | | | |
| Submitted by: Simon McKellar | | | Date: 02/03/2020 |
|  | Approved as submitted. | | |
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| Staff members involved in the use of this risk assessment and the associated plant and equipment: | |
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| **Monitoring and Review** *This Plant and Equipment Risk Assessment is to be monitored and reviewed annually for a further four (4) years.* |

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| **Review 1:** | | **Yes** | **No** |
| * Are allocated risk levels and “Actions required” unchanged over the past 12 months? * Are Minimum Standards and Recommended Control Measures unchanged over 12 months? * Staffing details have remained unchanged over the past 12 months? | |  |  |
| If the responses are “NO” for any question, record current details here, and list all staff changes *(with signatures)* | | | |
| Reviewed by: | Designation: | | |
| Signed: | Review Date : | | |

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| **Review 2:** | | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **Review 3:** | | **Yes** | **No** |
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| **Review 4:** | | **Yes** | **No** |
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