



RISK ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT

Plastering, Unit 3, Canal Side Business Park, Stockport

Hollins & Reed Contracting Ltd · 12 to 14 October 2026 · In charge: Dan Hollins

Job details

Company	Hollins & Reed Contracting Ltd
Site and work area	Unit 3, Canal Side Business Park, Stockport
Planned dates	12 to 14 October 2026
Customer	Canal Side Estates Ltd
In charge on site	Dan Hollins
Team	Two operatives: Dan Hollins leads and checks the area each morning; Priya Shah works with him.
Work	Plastering
Prepared by	Dan Hollins
Signature	
Date	

Work and boundaries

Plaster/render. Areas: As marked on the client's site plan

Working arrangement

- Access: the floor or ground.
- The work area will be kept clear of other people.

Emergency arrangements

Continuous siren; assemble at the front car park. First aider: site manager on reception, 0161 496 0000. Ambulances come in by the main gate.

Planned method

1 Set up the work area

Confirm the work area and scope before starting. Keep other people outside the active work area. Keep entrances and escape routes clear.

2 Check for asbestos before you disturb anything

Ask for the asbestos survey or register before you start. Read what it says about old mortar, render, boards and sealants being disturbed. No survey, or a material you do not recognise: stop and get it checked.

3 Check the background first

Use the product only on a background the selector says is suitable. Remove dust, loose material and contamination before the first coat.

4 Prepare the mixing and coating area

Keep clean water, tools and materials within reach without blocking the route. Protect floors and nearby finishes from wet plaster, render and splashes.

5 Mix the plaster as instructed

Add clean water to the mixing bucket. Gradually add the plaster while mixing.

6 Carry the materials safely

Plan the route, clear it, and carry long items upright with two people. Store materials close to the work so nobody carries further than they need to.

7 Let coats set and protect them

Apply coats and finish them in the sequence and times the product gives. Protect the new surface while it dries or cures before decorating or exposing it.

8 Clear and hand back the area

Remove tools, waste and unused materials. Check the area is clean and ready to use. Tell the person in charge when the work is complete.

Risk assessment

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Controls in place	Further action
People entering the work area or tripping over materials Step 1	Workers, occupants and visitors	Mark or barrier the active work area. Store tools and materials away from access routes.	None recorded.
Breathing asbestos fibres from old boards, sheets, sealants or insulation Step 2	The team and anyone in the building	Do not cut, drill or break any material until it is confirmed asbestos free. Licensed work is not for this method; hand it to a licensed contractor.	None recorded.
Plaster or render failing on an unsuitable background	Plasterers and people using the building later	Stop if the background is not suitable for the named product. Repair or report a loose or wet background before coating it.	None recorded.

Hazard	Who might be harmed and how	Controls in place	Further action
Plaster or render failing o... (continued) Step 3			
Trips, splashes or contamination of the new finish Step 4	Plasterers, labourers and people using the area	Keep the work area tidy as coats are applied. Clear spilled material before it becomes a slip hazard.	None recorded.
Powder exposure or a weak plaster mix Step 5	The person mixing and nearby plasterers	Follow the current product instructions. Keep other people away while powder is tipped.	None recorded.
Back and shoulder injury from carrying heavy or long items Step 6	Everyone handling materials	Use a trolley or sack truck on the flat. Never carry up a ladder; hand items up or hoist them.	None recorded.
Cracking, detachment or damage from working over a coat too soon Step 7	Plasterers and people using the finished room or wall	Do not re-mix material that has started to set. Keep other trades and water away until the stated handover condition.	None recorded.
Debris, tools or unfinished work left in the area Step 8	Workers, occupants and visitors	Remove waste by the agreed route. Record and protect any unfinished work.	None recorded.

Sources

HSE: Steps needed to manage risk

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/steps-needed-to-manage-risk.htm>

HSE: Process fire risks

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/processfire.htm>

HSE: Asbestos, actions by job role

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/introduction/actions.htm>

HSE: The duty to manage asbestos in buildings: Arrange an asbestos survey

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/duty/arrange-asbestos-survey.htm>

British Gypsum: Thistle MultiFinish instructions

<https://www.british-gypsum.com/installation/installation-guidance-and-support/installation-guides/thistle-multifinish-installation-instructions>

HSE: Slips and trips guidance (slips02)

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/web/slips02.pdf>

HSE: Manual handling in construction

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/healthrisks/physical-ill-health-risks/manual-handling.htm>

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