



RISK ASSESSMENT AND METHOD STATEMENT

Plumbing, 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	Plumbing
Prepared by	Dan Hollins
Signature	
Date	

Work and boundaries

Fit/replace pipe. 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 pipework, lagging, boards or sealants. No survey, or a material you do not recognise: stop and get it checked.

3 Check the route before you cut

Use service information and a suitable detector before cutting or drilling. Stop if old lagging or an unknown material is in the route.

4 Carry the plumbing 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.

5 Support the pipe and its fittings

Fix the pipe on supports that suit its material and route. Do not leave a joint carrying the weight of the pipe.

6 Keep joints where they can be reached

Leave every joint accessible for inspection and repair. Fit an access panel if the agreed route needs a cover.

7 Test and flush the new run

Test the completed run using the written arrangement for the system. Flush it before it is handed back for use.

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.

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A hidden service or asbestos material is struck or disturbed Step 3	Plumbers and people in nearby rooms	Check the asbestos information before disturbing the building. Use a controlled route and stop for an unknown service.	None recorded.
Back and shoulder injury from carrying heavy or long items Step 4	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.
Pipe movement or support failure causes a leak or falling material Step 5	Plumbers and people below the route	Use sound supports at the agreed positions. Check the wall or structure before fixing to it.	None recorded.
A hidden leak damages the building before it can be found Step 6	Plumbers, occupants and people below	Do not close in a joint without an agreed access arrangement. Record the route before covering it.	None recorded.
A leaking or contaminated pipe is put back into service Step 7	Plumbers, occupants and users of the water	Keep the area protected until the test passes. Record leaks and correct them before handback.	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>

HSE: Locations of asbestos and taking the right action

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/location-materials.htm>

HSE: Manual handling in construction

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

Water Regs UK: Installing pipework

<https://www.waterregsuk.co.uk/topics/installing-pipework/>