

Chikara®

Weed Control Mapp No. 20189

Bystander information

Why is the operator spraying weeds and is weed control really necessary?

Weed control in amenity areas such as play areas, mowing margins, gravelled areas, shrub beds etc. is a necessary legal requirement undertaken on behalf of local government. A good quality, consistent integrated weed control programme is essential as it reduces slip and trip hazards, potential access issues, improves aesthetic appeal and reduces the damage caused to infrastructure. A number of studies have shown a well maintained green/public space has many Social, Economic & Environmental benefits.

Is the product that is being sprayed safe & how soon can people and pets use the area?

Yes, Chikara Weed Control (flazasulfuron) is classified as non-toxic for skin, ingestion, inhalation, and is non carcinogenic. It works by acting on an enzyme found in plants.

Chikara is usually mixed with a registered contact herbicide to broaden the spectrum and improve performance. All herbicides used in an urban environment have to go through a rigorous registration and testing process before being allowed to be used by councils and contractors.

As for re-entry there is no requirement to restrict access to an area that has been treated with a mix of Chikara Weed Control plus a contact herbicide under normal usage conditions to people, pets and wildlife. However it is recommended not to walk into areas where the spray could still be wet, as this could lead to transfer to other areas and damage to other plants and foliage.





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Are qualifications required to use spray?

UK law requires professional operators to hold at least a PA1 and PA6 or equivalent certifications to apply herbicides. Training covers the safe use, storage and handling of pesticides, with emphasis on techniques that apply the correct products safely. Certis Belchim Basis qualified technical team provide extra end

What are the operators PPE (personal protection equipment) requirements?

Whilst pesticide products vary in terms of their chemistry, the specific PPE requirement is always detailed on the product label. For application of diluted

Safety Data Sheet

https://certisbelchim.co.uk/pdf/MSDS/Chikara_MSDS.pdf

Useful links

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/resources/frequently-asked-questions.htm>

<https://amenityforum.co.uk/>

<https://certisbelchim.co.uk/amenity/>

[Greenspace Report 2020](#)

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