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	Oak Processionary Moth	Issue Date: 0805/18

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Recent news reports have reported the presence of the caterpillar of the Oak Processionary Moth in London and their potential risks to health



Identification - Dark caterpillars with white hairs, they move about in in nose-to-tail processions.

Silken webbing nests on the trunks and branches of oak trees can also be visible.



Actions required

- Seek advice from Environmental HSQE before starting vegetation clearance around oak trees within a 50-mile radius of London.
- If you suspect these caterpillars are present in the work site, cordon the area off where the caterpillars are present and prevent staff from coming within 10m of the area. Report your finding to the S&S department
- Do not touch and avoid approaching the caterpillars or their nests
- Seek immediate medical advice if you believe you have come into contact with or have inhaled any of the fine hair from the caterpillar