



Health and Safety Management System
For
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Health and Safety Policy

General Statement

Paddock Wood Town Council is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its employees, so far as is reasonably practicable. We also fully accept our responsibility for others who may be affected by our activities, such as contractors, visitors and members of the public. We will take steps to ensure that our statutory duties are met at all times.

Each employee will be given such information, instruction and training as is necessary to ensure that they can carry out their work tasks safely.

It is the duty of management to ensure that all processes and systems of work are designed to take account of health and safety and are properly supervised at all times.

Adequate facilities and arrangements will be maintained to enable employees and their representatives to raise issues of health and safety.

Competent people will be appointed to assist us in meeting our statutory duties including, where appropriate, specialists from outside the organisation.

Every employee must co-operate with us to enable all statutory duties to be complied with. The successful implementation of this policy requires total commitment from all levels of employee, throughout the organisation. Everyone has a legal obligation to take reasonable care for their own health and safety, and for the safety of other people who may be affected by their acts or omissions. Full details of the organisation and arrangements for health and safety will be set out in separate documents.

This policy will be regularly monitored to ensure that the objectives are achieved. It will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised in the light of any legislative or organisational changes.

Signed:

(Position)

Date:

Health and Safety Policy Review Record

Issue No.	Date	Description of Changes	Person(s) Responsible for Changes
1	11/08/2022	First issue	Croner Group Limited

Organisational Arrangements

In order to ensure that health and safety is successfully managed within the organisation, the following responsibilities have been allocated.

Overall Responsibility

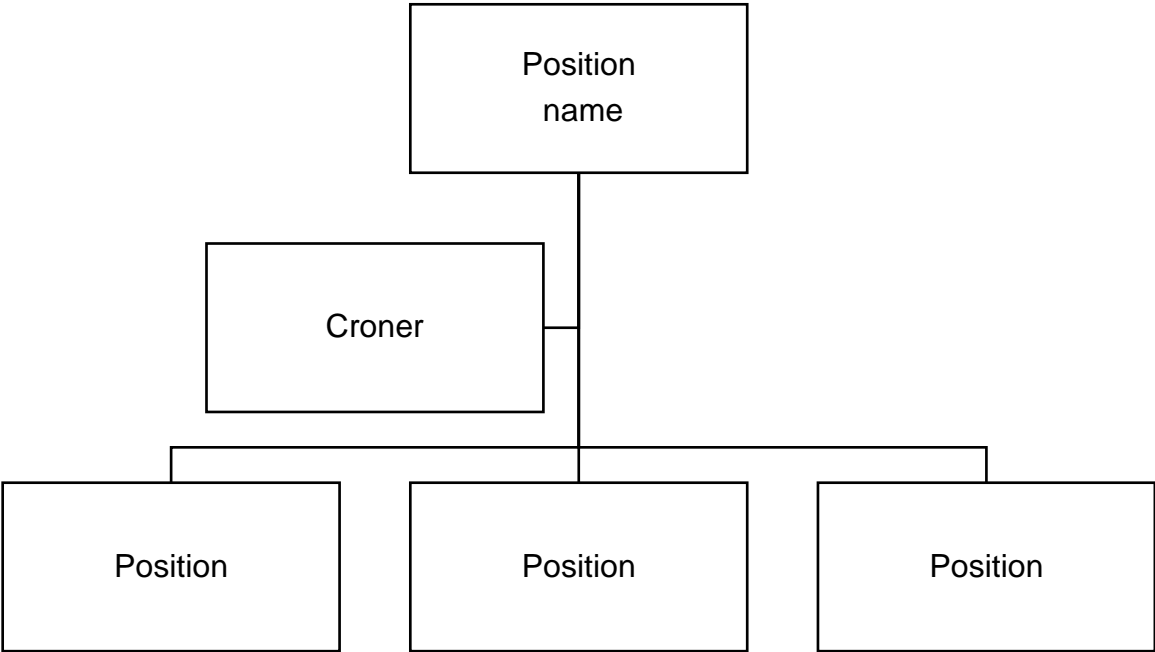
[Managing director/senior executive] accepts overall responsibility for all matters, including those regarding health, safety and welfare.

Organisational Responsibility

Paddock Wood Town Council commits to:

1. establish and implement a health and safety management system to manage the risk associated with our premises and activities
2. regularly monitor our performance and revise our health and safety management system as necessary, to ensure we achieve our objective of continuous improvement
3. provide sufficient resources to meet the requirements of current health and safety legislation, and aim to achieve the standards of good practice applicable to our activities
4. actively promote an open attitude to health and safety issues, encouraging staff to identify and report hazards so that we can all contribute to creating and maintaining a safe working environment
5. communicate and consult with our staff on all issues affecting their health and safety and, in doing so, bring this policy to their attention
6. provide adequate training for our staff to enable them to work safely and effectively, and to ensure they are competent and confident in the work they carry out
7. carry out and regularly review risk assessments to identify hazards and existing control measures; we will prioritise, plan and complete any corrective actions required to reduce risk to an acceptable level
8. maintain our premises and work equipment to a standard that ensures that risks are effectively managed
9. ensure that responsibilities for health and safety are allocated, understood, monitored and fulfilled
10. provide health surveillance for staff where appropriate, and maintain records
11. co-operate with other organisations in these premises to ensure that they are aware of any risks to their staff and other people posed by our activities, that we are aware of any risks to our staff from their activities, and that we comply with the relevant requirements of fire legislation.

H&S Organisational Chart



Management Responsibility

Managers are responsible for ensuring that the safety policy is implemented within their own departments. Managers must monitor the workplace to ensure that safe conditions are maintained. Where risks are identified the manager must ensure that these are rectified, so far as is reasonably practicable.

Management duties include the following;

1. Ensuring that employees, contractors and visitors are aware of safety procedures.
2. Establishing that all equipment, plant and substances used are suitable for the task and are kept in good working condition; this includes the regular maintenance and servicing of equipment.
3. Providing adequate training, information, instruction and supervision to ensure that work is conducted safely.
4. Taking immediate and appropriate steps to investigate and rectify any risks to health and safety arising from the work activity.
5. Bringing to the prompt attention of senior management any health and safety issue that requires their attention.
6. Ensuring that all accidents and “near misses” are properly recorded and reported and that an investigation is carried out to determine causal factors.
7. Maintaining safe access to and egress from the workplace at all times.

Managers dealing with particular topic areas will be advised of any specific health and safety duties. (For example, the purchasing manager will be required to obtain material safety data sheets for COSHH purposes prior to ordering a substance for the first time.)

Employee Responsibility

All employees must:

1. take reasonable care for their own health and safety
2. consider the safety of other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions
3. work in accordance with information and training provided
4. refrain from intentionally misusing or recklessly interfering with anything that has been provided for health and safety reasons
5. report any hazardous defects in plant and equipment, or shortcomings in the existing safety arrangements, to a responsible person without delay
6. not undertake any task they are not trained or authorised to do.

Health and Safety Assistance

Competent persons have been appointed to assist us in meeting our health and safety obligations. These people have sufficient knowledge and information to ensure that statutory provisions are met and that the safety policy is being adhered to.

The company recognises that there may be occasions when specialist advice is necessary. In these circumstances, the services of competent external advisors will be obtained.

First aid

The company will maintain suitable numbers of first-aid personnel to deal with minor accidents and emergencies at the workplace. These personnel will have sufficient training and qualifications in accordance with statutory requirements. Identities of first aiders will be displayed throughout the workplace.

Emergency procedures

Are designed to give warning of imminent danger and to allow personnel to move to a place of safety. The manager of each department is responsible for ensuring that all employees and visitors within the area are informed of, and are fully conversant with, emergency procedures.

Fire Marshals

Will be appointed for each area to assist with an evacuation. They will be given adequate instruction and training to ensure effectiveness.

Health surveillance

We will ensure that health surveillance of individuals is provided where required under statutory provisions or where this would be of benefit to maintaining health, safety and welfare.

Information and communication

We will ensure that suitable and relevant information relating to health, safety and welfare at the workplace is disseminated to staff and non-employees.

Statutory notices

Will be displayed throughout the workplace.

Safety committee meetings

Will be held regularly, during which time matters arising in connection with health and safety will be discussed.

Responsibilities

Individual responsibilities are listed below:

Key

OM - Office Manager

OR - Operation Runner

Responsibilities Table

Responsibilities	OM	OR
Managing Health & Safety at Work	X	X
Accident, Incident & Ill-Health Reporting & Investigation	X	X
Workplace Health & Safety Consultation 1-1	X	
Risk Assessment		X
Substance and Alcohol Abuse	X	
Purchasing	X	
Lone Working	X	
Health & Safety Training	X	X
Health and Safety of Visitors	X	
PPE	X	
Action on Enforcement Authority Reports	X	
Equality and Disability Discrimination Compliance	X	

Health & Safety Information for Employees	X	
Fire Safety - Arrangements & Procedures	X	X
First Aid	X	

Responsibilities	OM	OR
Welfare, Staff Amenities, Rest Rooms & Work Environment	X	X
Housekeeping & Cleaning	X	X
Building Services	X	X
Access, Egress, Stairs & Floors	X	
Windows, Glass and Glazing in the Workplace	X	
Workplace Signs	X	X
Working in the Open Air	X	X
Electrical Safety	X	X
Provision, Use and Maintenance of Work Equipment	X	X
Hand Tools	X	X
Office Equipment	X	
Storage of Chemical Substances & Agents		X
Control of Flammable Liquids		X
Slips, Trips and Falls	X	X
Provision & Use of Machinery	X	X

Responsibilities	OM	OR
Safe Use of Machinery	X	X

Lifting Equipment & Lifting Operations	X	X
Work at Height	X	X
Access Equipment	X	X
Work in Confined Spaces	X	X
Workplace Transport Management & Pedestrian Control	X	X
Battery Charging		X
Occupational Road Safety	X	X
Hand Arm Vibration	X	X
Working Time, Night Work and Shift Working	X	
Work Related Upper Limb Disorders	X	X
Leptospirosis	X	X
Manual Handling	X	X
Display Screen Equipment	X	
Use of Chemical Agents & Substances	X	X

Responsibilities	OM	OR
Control of Noise at Work	X	X
Stress in the Workplace	X	
Aggression and Violence	X	X
Educational Visits	X	X
Mobile Plant and Vehicles	X	X
Site Traffic Management	X	X
Street Works and Road Works	X	X

Mobile Workforce	X	X
Protection of the Public	X	X
Site Security and Visitors	X	X
Trackside Safety	X	X
Statutory Nuisances	X	X
Site Waste Management	X	X

ACCESS EQUIPMENT

We need to ensure the safety of our workforce and others when using access equipment for tasks that involve work at height.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage work at height, our use of access equipment and to identify and manage the action we need to take.
- Assessing the risks to employees and others from access equipment and working at height.
- Developing and implementing control measures, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring employees and others adopt the control measures provided and follow the developed procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Training employees to safely use access equipment and work at height.
- Using only trained employees to install or erect access equipment.
- Purchasing suitable access equipment.
- Regular inspection by competent engineers.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from access equipment and work at height.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

ACCESS EQUIPMENT

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others whilst working at height using access equipment we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to risk whilst working at height using access equipment.
2. Where risks are identified carry out an assessment of the risks to health and safety in those tasks and situations.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of control measures.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. The nature of the work at height task.
 - b. The most appropriate means of access.
 - c. Suitability – ground conditions, slopes and access.
 - d. The length of the task.
 - e. If equipment is to be hired could the task in hand be combined with other work at height for efficiency?
 - f. Do staff have the skills and competence to use powered access equipment?
 - g. Training.
 - h. Supervision.
 - i. Personal Protective Equipment.
 - j. Maintenance of access equipment.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever anyone is injured while using access equipment to work at height, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

ACCESS, EGRESS, STAIRS AND FLOORS

We have a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce while at work and others who come onto our premises from the risk of injury due to badly maintained access and exit routes, stairs and floors.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to be responsible for monitoring and reducing incidents occurring as a result of incidents involving access and egress facilities, including stairs and floors etc.
- Making an assessment of the risks from incidents involving access and egress facilities, including stairs and floors etc.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to slips, trips and falls are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage these risks.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

ACCESS, EGRESS, STAIRS AND FLOORS

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce while at work and others who come onto our premises from the risk of injury due to slips, trips and falls we need to;

1. Consider the nature of our premises and the way we work to identify areas where badly designed or maintained access and exit routes, stairs and floors could create access and egress problems or otherwise obstruct movement leading to employees and others slipping, tripping or falling.
2. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
3. Consider issues including;
 - a. Steep stairs, handrails.
 - b. Ramps
 - c. Changes in floor levels
 - d. Potholes in floors and yard areas.
 - e. Blind corners
 - f. Wet and slippery floors
 - g. Highly polished floors
 - h. Trailing cables.
 - i. Rubbish.
4. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
5. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
6. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
7. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
8. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any incident involving access, egress, stairs or floors, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

ACCIDENT, INCIDENT, ILL-HEALTH REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

We encourage our employees to report all personal injury accidents, near miss incidents (dangerous occurrences) and ill-health that happen in the course of their work so that we can investigate the causes, learn from experience and improve our management of health and safety. We also use the information to help us meet our obligations under the legislation requiring accidents to be reported to the Enforcing Authority.

We do this by;

- Nominating an individual member of staff to be responsible for investigating, recording and reporting accidents, incidents and cases of work related ill-health.
- Having accident, incident and work related ill-health reporting procedures.
- Recording and analysing all reportable accidents, minor accidents, near-miss incidents (dangerous occurrences) and work related ill-health.
- Reporting reportable accidents, dangerous occurrences and work related ill-health within the statutory timescales.
- Developing and implementing investigation protocols and policies.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Ensuring that those carrying out investigations are competent.
- Routinely reviewing the outcome of investigations and the operation of our reporting system.

The personnel responsible for reporting accidents, dangerous occurrences and work related ill-health are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

ACCIDENT, INCIDENT, ILL-HEALTH REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

Action Plan

In order to meet our legal obligations to manage effectively the health and safety of our workforce and report accidents, incidents and cases of work related ill health to the Enforcing Authority we need to;

1. Identify people to be responsible for investigating the cause of injuries, incidents and ill-health and to manage our reporting arrangements.
2. Ensure that the people nominated with responsibility for these arrangements have the knowledge and experience to carry out investigations and operate the system effectively.
3. Provide suitable training for those who don't.
4. Create the systems and make sure all members of our workforce, including managers and supervisors are aware of and understand them.
5. Provide an accident book, implement the procedures, and ensure that they are followed in practice.
6. When investigating consider;
 - a. the time and date of the event, the prevailing weather conditions and local lighting.
 - b. what was happening or what the injured person and any witnesses were doing.
 - c. risk assessments or safe systems of work for the task being carried out and details of relevant training given to the injured party and others involved.
 - d. obtaining witness statements, where possible.
 - e. making a sketch of the accident area, include accurate measurements, if appropriate. taking photographs of the site; record any unusual or causal features present. making observational notes on the potential causation, noting features, equipment defects or work practice that may have contributed to the eventual outcome.
 - f. the underlying, as well as the immediate, causes of the event.
7. Keep a written record of investigations.
8. Review the causes of the events that have occurred to consider whether similar events could be prevented by the introduction of reasonably practicable control measures.

9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time to check that the investigation and reporting procedures are understood, are being followed in practice and that lessons learned are being put into practice.

ACTION ON ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY REPORTS

We recognise the benefits that will accrue from early action following receipt of reports from the Enforcement Authority in regard to health safety and welfare issues. To obtain these benefits we have recognised the need for an effective management system and have taken steps to be able to action such reports.

We have done this by;

- Nominating an individual member of the senior management who will coordinate actions required to meet the requirements of Enforcement Authorities.
- Providing adequate resources either financial or human to be able to meet the requirements of the Enforcing Authority.
- Routinely reviewing the operation of our reporting system.
- Having access to competent health and safety advice.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing this organisation's arrangements for compliance with Enforcing Authority requirements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

ACTION ON ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY REPORTS

Action Plan

In order to meet our legal obligations to provide adequate health and safety information to employees we need to;

1. Identify a person who will coordinate actions required to meet the requirements of Enforcement Authorities.
2. Ensure that the responsible person understands their duties and responsibilities.
3. Provide adequate training for that person.
4. Give that person the authority required and the resource necessary for them to fulfil their role.
5. Ensure that our workers are aware of the need to make concerns about health and safety known and report accidents, incidents and cases of work-related ill health to their Managers.
6. Review our arrangements from time to time to ensure that they are fully understood and are operating correctly.

AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE

We recognise that we have a duty to take action to reduce so far as is reasonably practicable the risk of aggression and violence to our workforce whilst at work which arise from clients and/or the nature of our work.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider and manage the issue of aggression and violence at work.
- Developing and implementing a policy for identifying and managing work where there are risks of aggression and violence.
- Involving our workforce in the development of this policy and our procedures.
- Providing information about the policy to all workers.
- Training Managers and Supervisors to recognise work activities and locations where there are higher than normal risks of work related violence and aggression.
- Ensuring that the policy is adopted and followed.
- Ensuring employees know what to do if they suspect they, or a colleague, are under threat of violence or aggression at work.
- Providing counselling or occupational health services and support.
- Monitoring and reviewing the policy and procedures; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risk of injury or ill health caused by work violence and aggression.

The personnel responsible for monitoring and implementing the above policy are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

AGGRESSION AND VIOLENCE

Action Plan

To protect our workforce from injury or ill health caused by violence and aggression at work we need to;

1. Assess our work activities to identify where workers may be subjected to violence or aggression from clients or other people as a result of their work activities.
2. Prepare a policy and plan of action to deal with aggression and violence at work.
3. Involve the workforce in developing the policy and plan of action.
4. Identify any control measures already in place and the additional measures or actions that may be required. Refer to published trade guidance and advice. Take advice from the Police.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Recognising where and why workers may be at risk.
 - b. Systems to allow the reporting of aggression and threats of violence at work.
 - c. Handling incidents – calling the police.
 - d. Security screens and alarms.
 - e. Workplace layout – make it difficult for aggressors to reach workers.
 - f. Lone working and security for workers off site.
 - g. Training workers to identify the early signs of aggressive behaviours and conflict management techniques.
 - h. Counselling.
 - i. Special arrangements for dealing with clients and people known to be aggressive or a risk to staff.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Record details of our assessment, the controls in force and additional measures planned.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the policy and procedure. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

10. Implement the policy and procedures and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of the policy and procedure from time to time and following any case of injury or ill health caused by aggression or violence at work, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

BATTERY CHARGING

We have a duty to protect our employees and others from the risks associated with the charging of batteries in the course of our work activity.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to reduce the risks posed by battery charging.
- Making an assessment of the risks from battery charging to our workforce and others.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to battery charging are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from battery charging.

The personnel responsible for above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

BATTERY CHARGING

Action Plan

To protect workers from the risks posed from the charging of batteries we need to:

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or the public may be exposed to risks from battery charging.
2. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
3. Consider;
 - a. Designate a battery charging area which is well-ventilated.
 - b. Eliminate potential ignition sources in the battery charging area.
 - c. Are eye wash facilities or an emergency shower and suitable fire extinguishers close by?
 - d. Safety signs should be displayed in appropriate positions in the battery charging area.
 - e. Personal protective equipment such as goggles or a visor and suitable gloves to provide protection against acid burns.
 - f. Emergency procedures, including a method of spill containment and a cleaning procedure.
4. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
5. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
6. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
7. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
8. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and make changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

BUILDING SERVICES

We have a duty to protect our employees and others from the risks of injury if adequate controls are not in place and maintained for basic building services such as gas, electricity, oil, telephones, clean and waste water.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to reduce the risks posed by the services.
- Making an assessment of the risks from the services to our workforce and others.
- Developing and implementing sufficient control measures to identify all of the major services in the workplace e.g. gas, electricity, water etc
- Ensuring that the management of the control measures relating to services are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from building services.

The personnel responsible for above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

BUILDING SERVICES

Action Plan

To protect workers from risks posed from building services we need to:

1. Identify where and when workers or the public may be exposed to the risks from building services.
2. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
3. Consider issues including;
 - a. The identification of all major services.
 - b. A suitable and sufficient safe system of isolation.
 - c. The presentation of this information (a simple plan located alongside any emergency alarm evacuation control zone panel etc.).
 - d. Ensuring the emergency services can be made aware of this information.
 - e. Is all gas work carried out by a competent person, with membership of an approved trade association?
 - i. In Great Britain this is the Gas Safe™ Register.
 - ii. In the Republic of Ireland this is the Register of Gas Installers of Ireland (RGI) scheme.
 - iii. Elsewhere gas engineers should be registered with the Gas Safe™ Register.
 - f. Is all electrical work carried out by a competent person, with membership of a recognised electrical trade association?
4. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
5. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
6. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
7. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and make changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

CONTROL OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who may be affected by our work activities from the harmful effects of flammable liquids used in the course of our business.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify flammable substances and the hazards posed by them.
- Developing and implementing risk assessments, procedures or Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that any risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Employees and others adhering to the contents of the developed procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing safe equipment for use with flammable liquids.
- Providing sufficient personal protective equipment.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from flammable liquids.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

CONTROL OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

Action Plan

To protect our employees and others who may be affected by our work activities from the harmful risks from flammable liquids used in the course of our business we need to;

1. Make an inventory of every flammable liquid used in the course of our business.
2. Assess the flammable liquids we use and the risks that they pose to health and safety because of the quantities that we use and / or the way that we use them.
3. Assess who might be exposed, where and when?
4. Assess or measure the levels of flammable liquids to which our workforce is exposed.
5. Identify the control measures that we should adopt.
6. Consider relevant matters including;
 - a. Can we eliminate the risk entirely?
 - b. Can we reduce the amount stored on the premises?
 - c. Potential sources of ignition?
 - d. Issue employees with personal protective equipment such as eye protection, anti-static safety footwear, gloves and breathing apparatus.
 - e. Are there fire resistant enclosures and adequate ventilation for the storage of flammable substances?
 - f. Are spill kits required and readily accessible and are staff trained to use and dispose of these materials?
 - g. Are there procedures to ensure that all flammable substances and decanted materials are appropriately labelled?
7. Record details of our assessments, measurements, results and any controls subsequently introduced.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Inform, instruct and train workers about the flammable liquids we use, the risks, exposure levels in the workplace, emergency procedures and any control measures introduced.
10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.

11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever flammable liquids give rise to incident, injury or ill-health, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

CONTROL OF NOISE AT WORK

We have a duty to protect the hearing of our workforce and others who might be affected by exposure to excessive levels of noise from our work activities.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify where we need to take action and to manage the action we need to take.
- Assessing the risks to employees and others from work related noise.
- Taking measurements of exposure to noise to identify where statutory action levels apply.
- Developing and implementing control measures, strategies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Undertaking hearing surveillance if identified as appropriate.
- Ensuring that employees and others adhere to procedures and Safe Systems of Work
- Providing adequate personal protective equipment.
- Providing and recording relevant training for employees.
- Ensuring that all items of equipment are suitable for their task and subject to regular maintenance and noise inspections by competent engineers
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from noise.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

CONTROL OF NOISE AT WORK

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others whilst working in areas where they could be exposed to excessive noise levels we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to noise levels identified as harmful to hearing.
2. Arrange for measurements of actual noise levels to inform how the issue is managed.
3. Where a risk of hearing damage is identified assess workers' exposure to those noise levels and identify where action is required.
4. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of noise controls – noise reduction measures and/or the use of hearing protection.
5. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
6. Consider among other issues;
 - a. First Action Level, Second Action Level, Peak Exposure Value.
 - b. Regular maintenance of machinery can reduce noise emissions.
 - c. Reduction of noise at source.
 - d. Attach deadening to panels etc. that amplify or reflect sound.
 - e. Install sound absorbing materials.
 - f. Replace ageing noisy equipment with new silenced equipment.
 - g. Isolate noise sources.
 - h. Warning signs
 - i. Audiometry
 - j. Hearing protection.
7. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever anyone reports hearing damage, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT

We have a duty to protect the safety, health and welfare of our workforce from the risk involved in the use of display screen equipment (DSE).

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify and reduce risks from the use of display screen equipment.
- Assessing the risks from display screen equipment to each member of our workforce who uses them.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to the use of display screen equipment are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where appropriate.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from display screen equipment.

The personnel responsible for the DSE assessment process and these measures are identified in the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT

Action Plan

To protect workers from the risks from display screen equipment we need to:

1. Appoint a member or members of staff to receive training to become a competent and qualified assessor for display screen equipment.
2. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers use display screen equipment.
3. Ensure all display screen users complete a Self-Assessment Questionnaire.
4. Identify any workers with health issues that make them particularly susceptible to problems in using display screen equipment.
5. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
6. Consider the issues, including;
 - a. Furniture
 - b. Screen size
 - c. Lighting; reflections and glare
 - d. Rest breaks; rotating work activity
 - e. Eye sight tests
 - f. Home and off-site users of display screen equipment
 - g. Self-assessments and follow-up.
7. Keep a written record of all risk assessments, whether self-assessments or assessments by trained assessors and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Report any incidence of reportable ill health caused by the use of display screen equipment to the Enforcing Authorities.

12. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever an employee develops a display screen equipment related illness, make changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We have a duty to protect our workforce and others from the risks created on educational visits.

We do this by;

- Nominating senior staff members to identify hazards and risks and manage the safety of educational visits.
- Assessing the risks created by educational visits.
- Developing and implementing control measures, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to educational visits is undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Ensuring any educational / play equipment on sites visited is safe to use.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are completed by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks associated with educational visits.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Action Plan

To protect children and our workers from the hazards of educational visits we need to:

1. Assess the proposed visit and identify areas where children and others could be harmed.
2. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
3. Consider;
 - a. Issues regarding parental permission and approval of the visit from the Local Education Authority (where applicable).
 - b. Safety rules for children to adhere to on visit site (agreed in liaison with site staff).
 - c. Safety of travel arrangements to and from the proposed site.
 - d. Number of accompanying staff in ratio to number of children attending – are staff numbers sufficient?
 - e. Possibility of contracting infectious diseases on proposed site.
 - f. Ground / weather conditions which may possibly be encountered.
 - g. Risks of water-based activities.
 - h. Possibility of contact with electrical equipment / different forms of machinery.
 - i. Possibility of contact with hazardous substances, e.g. pesticides and animals.
 - j. Overseas visits will require more in-depth consideration.
4. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
5. Make sure that relevant senior members of staff understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
6. Implement the procedure and ensure it is followed in practice.
7. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever an incident occurs, make changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

We have a duty to protect our employees and other people who use our premises from the risk of electrical injury caused by our electrical installations, our use of fixed equipment and our use of portable electrical appliances.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to ensure the safety of our electrical installation equipment and portable appliances.
- Making an assessment of the risks from electrical installations, fixed equipment and portable appliances.
- Developing and implementing procedures, control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that any work carried out on our electrical installation, equipment and appliances is carried out by competent, accredited electrical engineers.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where appropriate.
- Regular inspection by competent accredited electrical engineers.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing relevant training and keeping training records.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage electrical safety.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks from using fixed and portable electrical equipment we need to:

1. Consider our activities and identify where and when workers may be exposed to risks to their health and safety from fixed or portable electrical equipment.
2. Assess the risks from that exposure to fixed and portable electrical equipment, identifying control measures in place and any additional measure that may be required to avoid risk.
3. Consider relevant issues including:
 - a. The competence of employees or contractors who install or maintain electrical equipment.
 - b. Inspection of fixed electrical installations as prescribed by the **IET Wiring Regulations (18th edition) BS 7671**.
 - c. The maintenance of electrical installations between inspections.
 - d. The maintenance and inspection of portable electrical equipment.
 - e. Using battery powered hand tools.
 - f. Whether hydraulic or pneumatic tools might be safer.
 - g. Reducing the operating voltage.
 - h. Residual current devices.
 - i. Use in flammable or explosive areas; use in wet and adverse conditions.
 - j. Equipment used by mobile workers.
 - k. Use of trailing cables.
4. Purchase robust equipment suitable for the environment in which it is to be used.
5. Arrange for the routine testing and inspection of portable electrical equipment.
6. Develop a procedure based on these considerations.
7. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.

9. Explain our procedures and arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.
10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any electrical incident, making changes identified as beneficial or necessary.

EQUALITY and DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE

We recognise the benefits that will accrue from planned and carefully considered arrangements in regard to disabled persons and health, safety and welfare issues. To obtain these benefits we have recognised the need for an effective management system and have taken steps to be able to successfully manage disability in the workplace.

We have done this by;

- Nominating an individual member of the senior management who will coordinate actions required to meet the requirements of disabled persons
- Providing adequate resources either financial or human to be able to reasonable adjustments to our workplace(s)
- Allowing employees to nominate safety representatives who will coordinate issues arising from their colleagues in respect of health, safety and welfare.
- Providing adequate resources
- Providing such health and safety information, instruction, and training for all workers as is necessary for them to be able to work without risk to their health or safety or welfare so far as is reasonably practicable.
- Recording and analysing all reportable accidents, minor accidents, near miss incidents and dangerous occurrences.
- Providing and recording relevant training
- Routinely reviewing the operation of our reporting system.
- Having access to competent health and safety advice.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing this organisation's arrangements for compliance with disability requirements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

EQUALITY and DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE

Action Plan

In order to meet our legal obligations to avoid disability discrimination to employees we need to;

1. Identify a person who will coordinate actions required to meet the requirements of disability discrimination legislation.
2. Ensure that the responsible person understands their duties and responsibilities.
3. Provide adequate training for that person.
4. Give that person the authority required and the resource necessary for them to fulfil their role.
5. Review our arrangements from time to time to ensure that they are fully understood and are operating correctly.

FIRE SAFETY – ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

We have a legal duty to implement and maintain a fire safety programme, for assessing and controlling the risks from an outbreak of fire and for the provision of fire warnings, fire fighting equipment, emergency lighting, emergency signs, adequate means of escape and evacuation procedures. We have put in place arrangements to meet these responsibilities and to identify and reduce the risks associated with fire and emergency situations.

Our arrangements consist of:

- Nominating a 'responsible person' to coordinating fire and emergency arrangements and take responsibility for the completion and regular review of a Fire Risk assessment.
- Identifying fire risks and potential emergency situations and who may be affected.
- Assessing the level of risk and recording the information in the Fire Risk Assessment and emergency plan.
- Implementing procedures and control measures to mitigate the risks posed.
- Liaising with the emergency services, informing them of any workplace or process hazards that have the potential to create fire or emergency situations.
- Developing Safe Systems of Work to reduce the potential incidence of fire and emergency situations.
- Adequate provision of tested and inspected fire fighting and warning equipment.
- Practicing and recording fire evacuation procedures.
- Delivering training on the emergency plan, the Fire Risk Assessment and on the use of any fire fighting equipment provided .
- Reviewing our system.

The personnel responsible for fire and emergency arrangements are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

We use the experience of operating these systems to make improvements to our safety, health and welfare management system.

FIRE SAFETY - ARRANGEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risk of fire we need to develop a comprehensive fire safety programme. We need to;

1. Nominate and train a person to be our competent and Responsible Person for fire safety matters.
2. Prepare and maintain an up to date fire risk assessment in respect of our premises and processes. If we have hazards which make our premises high fire risk we will need to get assistance from experts.
3. Provide and maintain (record details) sufficient and suitable fire alarm systems, means of escape, fire fighting equipment, emergency lighting and emergency signs.
4. Develop procedures for the safe and speedy evacuation to a place of relative safety of workers and others in the event of a fire or other emergency.
5. Where appropriate consult with the Fire Service in making these provisions and in developing our site specific arrangements and procedures.
6. Consider;
 - a. Fire prevention. Storage of flammables, waste disposal, open flames etc.
 - b. Potential sources of ignition including use of flammable substances and process related fire hazards.
 - c. Maintenance of fire alarms, smoke detectors, automatic door closers.
 - d. Maintenance of fire doors and escape routes.
 - e. Emergency procedures – fire wardens, fire and evacuation drills, safe assembly points.
 - f. Maintenance of fire extinguishers and fire fighting equipment.
 - g. Liaison with fire service and assisting the fire service in the event of a fire.
 - h. Providing and maintaining fire safety signs and notices.
 - i. Record keeping.
 - j. Safe means of shutting down electric, gas and fuel supplies.
7. Always purchase robust equipment suitable for our intended use.
8. Explain the Fire Safety Programme, Arrangements and Procedures to our Managers, Supervisors, workforce and any other people who need to know what

they are; landlords, neighbours, visitors, residents etc. Ensure they are understood.

9. Provide training where required and information for staff nominated with responsibilities.
10. Implement the Programme and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Carry out fire alarm and evacuation drills to check that the Programme works in practice.
12. Monitor and review the operation of all aspects of the Fire Safety Programme at least twice a year and whenever a fire related incident happens, making changes to the fire risk assessment, arrangements and procedures identified as necessary or beneficial.

FIRST AID

We have a duty to provide suitable first aid arrangements for our staff whilst at work and visitors who may be affected by our activities. We have taken steps to provide first aid arrangements that meet this requirement.

We do this by:

- Nominating a Senior Manager to identify our needs and ensure continuing arrangements for first aid provision.
- Assessing the reasonable level of first aid provision required for our business at our workplace and for travelling staff.
- Recruiting sufficient members of staff to undertake first aid training as a first aider or appointed person, as appropriate.
- Arranging approved training for those people and keeping records of their training.
- Providing adequate numbers of trained personnel to be available at all times during business hours.
- Providing and maintaining sufficient quantities of first aid equipment and consumables.
- Displaying names and locations of first aid trained personnel or appointed persons in prominent positions throughout the premises.
- Routinely reviewing our first aid arrangements for suitability and ensuring that where we have trained first aiders qualifications are up to date.

The personnel responsible for coordinating first aid activities and ensuring adequate first aid provision are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

FIRST AID

Action Plan

To ensure that we meet our obligations to provide suitable first aid arrangements for our staff whilst at work and visitors who may be affected by our activities we need to take the following action;

1. Assess our business activity to identify the level of first aid provision that will be necessary.
2. Consider issues including;
 - a. The likely severity of foreseeable work-related accidents.
 - b. The number of people likely to be in the workplace.
 - c. The nature of health and safety risks at the workplace.
 - d. The location and accessibility of the workplace.
 - e. Whether the need is for trained first aiders or appointed persons.
3. Keep a written record of our assessment and conclusions.
4. Explain our assessment and conclusions to our workforce.
5. Identify workers to be trained and take responsibility for administering first aid.
6. Provide approved training for appointed first aiders.
7. Keep records of this training and ensure qualifications are kept up to date.
8. Make sure our arrangements are understood and the responsible people known to all workers, Supervisors and Managers.
9. Provide suitable facilities and consumables for delivering first aid at our workplace.
10. Monitor and review from time to time the operation of this procedure in the light of experience making changes to our system identified as necessary or beneficial.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

We recognise the benefits that will accrue from the provision of effective information regarding health safety and welfare activities to our employees. To obtain these benefits we have recognised the need for an effective management system and have taken steps to provide adequate information to employees and others.

We have done this by;

- Allowing employees to nominate safety representatives who will coordinate issues arising from their colleagues in respect of health, safety and welfare.
- Providing adequate resources
- Providing such health and safety information, instruction, and training for all workers as is necessary for them to be able to work without risk to their health or safety or welfare so far as is reasonably practicable.
- Recording and analysing all reportable accidents, minor accidents, near miss incidents and dangerous occurrences.
- Providing and recording relevant training
- Routinely reviewing the operation of our reporting system.
- Having access to competent health and safety advice.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing this organisation's arrangements for provision of information to employees is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

Action Plan

In order to meet our legal obligations to provide adequate health and safety information to employees we need to;

1. Identify a person to take responsibility for ensuring that adequate information is provided to employees.
2. Ensure that the responsible person understands their duties and responsibilities.
3. Provide adequate training for that person.
4. Give that person the authority required and the resource necessary for them to fulfil their role.
5. Identify the most effective methods by which information will be circulated to the employees.
6. Display the required health and safety 'What you should know' poster and complete the information on the poster.
7. Provide information to our employees in regard to their responsibilities and essential safety rules.
8. Explain to our workers, supervisors and managers the nature of our arrangements for managing health, safety and welfare.
9. Ensure that our workers are aware of the need to make concerns about health and safety known and report accidents, incidents and cases of work-related ill health to their Managers.
10. Review our arrangements from time to time to ensure that they are fully understood and are operating correctly.

HAND ARM VIBRATION

We have a duty to protect our employees and others who might be affected from the ill health effects of hand arm vibration caused by the use of vibrating tools and equipment.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage and minimise the risk created by the use of vibrating tools and equipment.
- Making an assessment of the risks to our workforce from vibrating tools used in the course of their work.
- Developing and implementing strategies, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that the management of the strategy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to hand arm vibration is undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Undertaking Health Surveillance where this is necessary.
- Ensuring that all items of equipment are suitable for their task and subject to regular inspection by competent people.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from vibrating tools and equipment.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

HAND ARM VIBRATION

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks to health from hand arm vibration we need to:

1. Consider our activities and identify where and when workers may be exposed to hand arm vibration.
2. Risk assess that work, identifying where exposure is above either the limit value or the action value set by law.
3. Where exposure is above the exposure limit take immediate steps to reduce exposure to below the limit value.
4. Identify control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required to reduce exposure to below the limit value and so avoid risk.
5. Consider issues including;
 - a. Whether the job can be automated – eliminate exposure.
 - b. Whether the job can be done differently – reduce exposure.
 - c. Whether the job can be rotated between workers – reduce exposure.
 - d. Is the tool too powerful?
 - e. Are vibration levels high because tools are not well maintained?
 - f. Would a newer tool incorporate vibration reduction measures and reduce exposure?
 - g. Are any groups or individual workers at particular risk?
 - h. Is health surveillance required? If yes at what level?
6. Develop a procedure based on these considerations.
7. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood.
8. Provide training where required and information for staff nominated with responsibility.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Report cases of HAV which result in a worker being unfit for work and which are confirmed by a medical practitioner to the Enforcing Authority.

11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever a worker develops symptoms related to HAV exposure, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

HAND TOOLS

We have a duty to protect our employees and other people who use our premises from the risks associated with the use of hand tools.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider the safety implications of our use of hand tools.
- Making an assessment of the risks from our use of hand tools.
- Developing and implementing procedures, control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that hand tools are properly maintained.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where appropriate.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing relevant training and keeping training records.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the safety of hand tool use.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

HAND TOOLS

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks of using hand tools we need to:

1. Consider our activities and identify where and when workers may be exposed to risks to their health and safety from the use of hand tools.
2. Assess the risks from that use of hand tools, identifying control measures already in place and any additional measure that may be required to avoid risk.
3. Consider relevant issues including:
 - a. The competence and training of workers who use hand tools.
 - b. The maintenance of hand tools particularly powered hand tools.
 - c. Use of hand tools in wet and adverse conditions.
4. Purchase robust equipment suitable for the work and environment in which we require it to be used.
5. Develop a procedure based on these considerations.
6. Keep a written record of any significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain our procedures and arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any accident or incident, making changes identified as beneficial or necessary.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

We have a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of our employees whilst they are at work and others who might be affected by our work activities. Among other specific arrangements we need to be sure that our workforce is trained to recognise hazards and risks and what they need to do to eliminate, reduce and avoid risk.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage Health and Safety training.
- Making an assessment of the risks to our workforce and others from an inadequately trained workforce.
- Developing and implementing training policies, programmes and arrangements.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, programmes and arrangements are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees are adequately trained for the variety of tasks which they may be required to do.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage our Health and Safety training programmes.

The personnel responsible for above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Action Plan

In developing and implementing training policies, programmes and arrangements we need to:

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or the public may be exposed to hazards and risks.
2. Where we identify hazards we need to consider the associated risks and the ability of staff to control them and then to identify whether their knowledge of and training about control measures is adequate.
3. Identify any jobs that require workers to have received specific health and safety training.
4. Identify the systems already in place to provide training and any additional measures that may be required.
5. Consider procedures and practices including ;
 - a. Plant and machinery.
 - b. Chemical and chemical processes.
 - c. Works transport.
 - d. Working at height.
 - e. Lifting machines and equipment.
 - f. Electrical safety.
 - g. Mundane work.
 - h. Occasional work activities.
 - i. Training needs analyses for individuals.
6. Involve the workforce in making these assessments of our needs.
7. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce, their Supervisors and Managers. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedures and ensure that they are followed in practice.

10. Monitor and review the operation of the procedures from time to time making changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF VISITORS

We have a duty to ensure the health and safety of members of the public who come into our workplace.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify and risk assess the workplace hazards which pose risk to visitors.
- Making an assessment of the risks to visitors.
- Providing a visitors' book to track visitors present in our premises.
- Developing visitor procedures and control measures.
- Implementing visitor procedures and control measures.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Regularly inspecting the premises to identify any new processes, personnel or changes to the building's structure that could pose new risk to visitors.
- Ensuring employees and others adhere to the contents of procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing relevant information and training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks to visitors.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF VISITORS

Action Plan

To protect visitors to our workplace we need to:

Assess our work activity to identify where and when the public may be exposed to hazard and risk.

1. Identify risks that visitors might face when at our workplace.
2. Where risks to the health and safety of visitors is identified or reported, assess those risks to identify where control measures are required.
3. Identify any control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
4. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Where visitors go, when they go there, why they go there and what they do when they get there.
 - b. Floor coverings
 - c. Slippery floors
 - d. Chemical hazards
 - e. Electrical hazards
 - f. Condition of stairs etc
 - g. Machinery hazards.
 - h. Workplace transport.
5. Involve the workforce in making these assessments; use their experience.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices for ensuring visitor safety that are tailored to our workplace.
7. Explain these arrangements to the workforce, their Supervisors and Managers. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
8. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever a visitor suffers a work related injury, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

HOUSEKEEPING and CLEANING

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who enter our premises by keeping it in a clean, tidy and sanitary condition.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to oversee the provision and management of housekeeping facilities and arrangements. Where necessary, making a risk assessment of the risks posed to our workforce and others from housekeeping activities.
- Developing and implementing cleaning procedures and associated safe systems of work where required.
- Ensuring that competent, trained personnel undertake the management of the policy, cleaning regimes and control measures.
- Carrying out regular housekeeping audits.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where necessary.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies and procedures.
- Providing instruction and where necessary training which is recorded.
- Regular monitoring and review of our arrangements; to ensure that the workplace is kept clean and that our cleaning arrangements are adequate.
- Employees and others adhering to the contents of the procedures and safe systems of work.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

HOUSEKEEPING and CLEANING

Action Plan

To ensure that we keep our workplace tidy and in a clean, sanitary condition we need to;

1. Assess all areas of the workplace and work activities to determine the cleaning requirements for each area.
2. Devise and implement cleaning plans and schedules for each area; specifying and recording them.
3. In devising these plans consider issues including;
 - a. Floors, stairs, toilets, rest and catering areas, outside paths, roadways and storage areas, etc.
 - b. The contaminant and the most appropriate method for cleaning; vacuum cleaning is better than sweeping
 - c. Dry cleaning or wet cleaning. Wet cleaning may leave slippery floors.
 - d. The source of the contaminant - can it be contained other than by cleaning?
 - e. The frequency of and best time of day for cleaning.
 - f. Waste handling and disposal – offensive, unhygienic, infected, chemical, process etc.
 - g. Warning signs.
 - h. Hazards associated with chemical cleaners.
 - i. Cleaning around potentially hazardous equipment.
 - j. Procedures for cleaning hazardous equipment.
4. Involve the workforce in making these assessments of our needs.
5. Explain these arrangements to the cleaning team, the workforce, their Supervisors and Managers. Ensure they are understood. Provide and record training where necessary.
6. Resource and implement the procedures ensuring that they are followed in practice.
7. Make sure Managers understand the requirements.
8. Monitor the implementation and continuing effectiveness of our procedures to ensure that our workplace is being cleaned properly and adequately.

9. Amend our systems and procedures as necessary in the light of operational experience.

LEPTOSPIROSIS

We have a duty to protect the safety, health and welfare of our employees or others who may be affected by our work activities from the risk of leptospirosis infection as a result of working with cattle, and where they might be exposed to material contaminated with urine from rats and small mammals.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify and manage our control measures.
- Making an assessment of the risks of leptospirosis to our workforce.
- Developing and implementing policies, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that the development of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to leptospirosis are made by informed and competent staff.
- Adopting thorough cleaning regimes with arrangements to clear spillages and vermin control.
- Providing personal protective equipment and suitable welfare facilities.
- Employees and others adhering to policies, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from leptospirosis.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

LEPTOSPIROSIS

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers and others from the risk of work-related leptospirosis we need to;

1. Assess the risk of leptospirosis to our staff.
2. Consider the arrangements we have in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of workers who work with cattle, pigs, in places likely to be infested by rats, mice and small mammals or dogs, or alongside canals and slow moving waterways.
3. Identify any workers who may be at particular risk.
4. Consider whether additional control measures are required.
5. Consider among other relevant issues;
 - a. The job;
 - b. Contact and potential for contact with infected materials;
 - c. Elimination of the risk – pest control measures if appropriate;
 - d. Work instructions;
 - e. Personal protective equipment;
 - f. Welfare arrangements – access to good washing facilities;
 - g. Welfare arrangements – rest and meal breaks; and
 - h. First aid arrangements.
6. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
7. Involve workers in developing a procedure based on these considerations.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any report of a worker suffering or suspected of suffering from leptospirosis, make changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

12. Report medically confirmed cases of leptospirosis to the Enforcing Authority.

LIFTING EQUIPMENT and LIFTING OPERATIONS

We have a duty to provide and maintain safe lifting equipment and to ensure that lifting operations are safely carried out. We also have a duty to ensure that others who might be affected by our work are not exposed to risk from lifting operations or our use of lifting equipment.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage and oversee lifting operations and the provision and use of lifting equipment.
- Assessing the risks to employees and others from lifting operations and the use of lifting equipment.
- Developing and implementing control measures, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Arranging for the statutory examinations of this equipment at the appropriate intervals.
- Purchasing approved CE marked equipment made to applicable BS, IS or CEN standards.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel
- Implementing the findings of risk assessments, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that employees and others are trained and competent to take part in lifting operations and to follow prescribed procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from lifting equipment and lifting operations

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

LIFTING EQUIPMENT and LIFTING OPERATIONS

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others involved in lifting operations and working with lifting equipment we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be involved in lifting operations and to hazard and risk during the use of lifting equipment.
2. Where hazards and risks from lifting operations and the use of lifting equipment are identified, risk assess the task(s) undertaken, to identify where control measures are required.
3. Involve the workforce in making these assessments of our needs.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Loads to be lifted; size, type, weight.
 - b. Where the loads are lifted, the purpose of the lift.
 - c. Are loads lifted and transported.
 - d. Are people lifted?
 - e. Strength and integrity of new equipment.
 - f. Risks to operators.
 - g. Maintenance and statutory examinations and test.
 - h. Planning of lifting operations.
 - i. Weather and wind speed for work outdoors.
 - j. Training for operators, Supervisors, banksmen, maintenance workers etc.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedures and ensure that they are followed in practice.

10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever anyone is injured or suffers ill health as a result of using lifting equipment, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial

LONE WORKING

Our company has a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our workforce whilst at work. That duty extends to employees who travel during the course of their work and those who work away from our core premises.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider the health, safety and welfare of lone workers.
- Identifying situations where lone working is required which affect our employees.
- Making an assessment of the risks to members of our workforce who are or may become lone workers.
- Developing and implementing control measures and procedures to ensure their health and safety whilst at work.
- Providing sufficient funding support to enable the development and implementation of procedures, risk assessments and control measures.
- Ensuring that procedures and control measures are in place for lone working situations.
- Ensuring that identified equipment needs are met and training on their use is given.
- Ensuring that the content of the procedures and risk assessments are made available to all staff.
- Providing and recording training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from lone working.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

LONE WORKING

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers who work alone, whether it is because they are a mobile worker, because they work away from our core operating site or for other reasons, we need to;

1. Identify who among our workforce is or is potentially a lone worker.
2. Assess the risks to those identified as lone workers.
3. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
4. Consider, as part of our assessment, issues such as;
 - a. Where they work.
 - b. Are they at risk because they handle cash?
 - c. Are they at risk because they are work at a remote or hazardous location?
 - d. Are they at greater risk in the winter months?
 - e. Are they at risk from a violent client or a member of the client's family?
 - f. Are they likely to cut corners because they are not under direct supervision?
 - g. Are they at risk because of health issues?
 - h. Are they at risk because a significant part of their day is spent driving?
 - i. Are they at risk because they work exceptional hours?
 - j. Are they at risk because they do not have access to welfare or first aid facilities?
 - k. Mobile phone signals.
5. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
6. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
7. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
8. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.

9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever an employee reports an accident or case of ill health attributable to working alone, make changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

MANAGING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

We recognise the business benefits that can accrue from the effective management of safety and health at work. To obtain these benefits for our company we have recognised the need for an effective management system and have taken steps to put such a system in place.

We have done this by;

Nominating an individual member of the senior management to take responsibility for managing safety and health at work.

- Providing adequate resources
- Providing such health and safety information, instruction and training for all workers as is necessary for them to be able to work without risk to their health or safety so far as is reasonably practicable.
- Recording and analysing all reportable accidents, minor accidents, near-miss incidents and dangerous occurrences.
- Reporting reportable accidents within the statutory timescales.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Routinely reviewing the operation of our reporting system.
- Having access to competent health and safety advice.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing this organisation's arrangements for managing safety and health at work is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

MANAGING SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

Action Plan

In order to meet our legal obligations to manage safety and health at work we need to;

1. Identify a person to take responsibility for managing health and safety in our business activities.
2. Ensure that the responsible person understands their duties and responsibilities.
3. Provide adequate training for that person.
4. Give that person the authority required and the resource necessary for them to fulfil their role.
5. Plan our management of health and safety at work, set up and maintain systems that will deliver a satisfactory health and safety performance.
6. Explain to our employees, Supervisors and Managers the nature of our arrangements for managing health and safety at work.
7. Ensure that all our employees are aware of the need to make concerns about health and safety at work known and report accidents, incidents and cases of work-related ill health to their Managers.
8. Review our arrangements from time to time to ensure that they are fully understood and are operating correctly.

MANUAL HANDLING

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who enter our premises from the risks present in manual handling activities.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage and identify load or lifting hazards.
- Making an assessment of the risks from manual handling to our workforce.
- Developing and implementing procedures and systems of work to reduce the risks from manual handling operations in the course of our business.
- Ensuring that any Manual Handling Risk Assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Eliminating the need for manual handling through the introduction of mechanical handling equipment or other alternatives where this is reasonably practicable.
- Regularly inspecting the premises to identify any new processes, personnel or changes to the building's structure which would trigger the need for re-assessment.
- Employees and others adhering to the contents of procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording job-based training for employees with manual handling tasks.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from manual handling.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

MANUAL HANDLING

Action Plan

To protect our workforce and others from the risk of injury while manual handling loads we need to;

1. Assess the risks to our workforce from handling loads. This includes lifting and carrying as well as pushing and pulling loaded containers.
2. Have a nominated Manager to lead the process.
3. Consider;
 - a. What we have to move - its size and shape.
 - b. The weight.
 - c. The frequency.
 - d. Which of our workforce is involved? Do some handle loads more frequently than others?
 - e. Can we reduce the need for movement? Are there mechanical aids we could use? Can we use them?
 - f. Can we adapt our processes to reduce the risk?
 - g. Have our workforce been trained in manual handling techniques for the products and goods that they handle in the course of their work?
 - h. Where team lifting is employed have the workers been trained in the same system?
 - i. Are the floors suitable and maintained for the work that goes on?
 - j. Are there extremes of temperature?
 - k. Are any groups or individual workers at particular risk?
 - l. Is health surveillance required? If yes at what level?
4. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
5. Involve workers in developing a procedure based on these considerations.
6. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
7. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

8. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any ill health or back injury, making changes identified as necessary.
10. Where employees are injured in an accident involving manual handling or are diagnosed with ill-health on account of manual handling at work report, to the enforcing authorities, those cases that fall into a reportable category.

MOBILE PLANT AND VEHICLES

We have a duty to consider the factors that need to be considered by mobile plant and vehicles. To effectively manage mobile plant and vehicles we recognise that effective planning and control of mobile plant operations, adequate checking, inspection and maintenance of plant combined with thorough training, assessment and briefing of personnel will reduce the level of risk. We also recognise that we have specific responsibilities under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 to effectively manage the movement of vehicles on sites.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for managing mobile plant and providing them with sufficient training and resources.
- Employing trained and competent people to operate plant and briefing them on the tasks to be carried out. Training is provided or recognised through nationally recognised schemes such as the Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS).
- Ensuring that the rated capacity and design limitations of mobile plant is never exceeded and that where a specific design of mobile plant is required for a specific task it is supplied and used.
- Completing risk assessments for all mobile plant operations and implementing practical measures to ensure the safe movement of pedestrians, mobile plant and vehicles on site.
- Implementing an inspection and maintenance regime and, where appropriate, thorough examination for mobile plant by a competent person with records retained on site.
- Co-operating with and explaining our arrangements and procedures to all parties on the site.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who may be affected by mobile plant or vehicles.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage the movement of mobile plant and vehicles.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

MOBILE PLANT AND VEHICLES

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers from the risk of mobile plant and vehicles we need to:

1. Conduct a risk assessment for the movement of mobile plant and vehicles. This is to be completed by a competent person and needs to consider the following:
 - a. Establishment of pedestrian routes that are segregated from mobile plant and vehicles, either by a safe distance or by physical barriers.
 - b. Traffic routes that minimise congestion and risk of collision.
 - c. Speed limits.
 - d. One way systems.
 - e. Parking areas.
 - f. Excavations and trenches.
 - g. Ground conditions and stability.
2. Ensuring that all personnel involved in the planning, supervision and carrying out of mobile plant operations are adequately trained, medically fit and competent for their role.
3. Ensuring that mobile plant operators are familiar with the specific machine they are operating including attachments such as quick hitches. This will include records of all familiarisation training.
4. Ensure that the right machine is chosen and is capable for the task and considers the following;
 - a. Stability under all foreseeable operating conditions.
 - b. Access to and from the cab and other parts of the vehicle requiring routine access.
 - c. Braking systems.
 - d. Visibility for the driver.
 - e. Warning devices.
 - f. Physical guards to protect dangerous parts.
 - g. Driver protection from hazards and from the weather.

5. Ensure adequate supervision is in place to reinforce the safe system of work and ensure daily checks have been completed.
6. Ensure that every supervisor and worker involved in mobile plant operations has been trained in the hazards and risks associated with the work and are also inducted and given instruction on the specific arrangements applicable to each site on which they work.
7. Implementing an inspection and maintenance regime as identified by an assessment of the risk of failure and guided by manufacturer's instructions.

MOBILE WORKFORCE

We recognise we have a duty to protect member of our workforce who may carry out mobile, lone and out of hours work.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating a manager or supervisor to be responsible for such people whilst they are at work.
- Providing information such as pre-job briefing, competency levels and training to form a work safety package.
- Completing a site specific risk assessment prior to work commencing and where necessary ensuring that the individual worker has the ability and competence to complete a dynamic point of work risk assessment.
- Ensuring that supervisors and workers are competent to carry out a point of work assessment and provide adequate training.
- Ensuring the employment of competent persons in relation to the type of work to be conducted.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage our mobile workforce.

The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

MOBILE WORKFORCE

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our mobile workers we need to:

1. Conduct a risk assessment prior to work commencing that considers the following:
2. Scheme of work is in place prior to work commencing.
3. Providing a means of updating risk assessments on site (Point of Work assessments).
4. Training and competency levels.
5. Equipment required.
6. Driving.
7. Lone working.
8. Out of hours working.
9. Fire arrangements.
10. Welfare arrangements.
11. First aid arrangements.
12. Conduct a point of work risk assessment when required such as:
13. Updating a previously prepared risk assessment.
14. Changes to the working environment.
15. Changes to the work to be undertaken.
16. Out of hours work requiring a specific assessment.
17. Maintenance worker undertaking a number of calls in a given period.
18. Ensure that statutory notifications are completed in conformance of the New Roads and Street Works Act if required.
19. Employ competent persons in relation to the type of work to be conducted.
20. Ensure that every supervisor and worker involved has been trained in the hazards and risks associated with the work and are also inducted and given instruction on the specific arrangements applicable to each site on which they work.
21. Ensure adequate supervision is in place to monitor working activities by workers and ensure that specific site precautions and arrangements are observed.

OCCUPATIONAL ROAD SAFETY

We have a duty to continue to manage, so far as we can, the health, safety and welfare of our workforce when they are away from our premises and travelling in the course of their work.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify and manage the potential hazards to our workforce when driving in the course of our business.
- Assessing the risks to our workforce from driving in the course of our business.
- Developing and implementing policies and procedures.
- Ensuring that the vehicles are suitable and sufficient for their intended use and that they are maintained at their specified service intervals or when faults are identified.
- Ensuring that all vehicles are properly insured, taxed and Ministry of Transport tested, prior to road use.
- Ensuring that any risk assessments are undertaken by competent and trained personnel.
- Employees and Supervisors following our policies and procedures.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks associated with occupational road use.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

OCCUPATIONAL ROAD SAFETY

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees whilst travelling by road in the course of our business (and to protect others who might be affected by their actions) from the hazards and risks surrounding occupational road safety we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers may be exposed to hazards and risks on account of occupational road use.
2. Assess specific occupational road use risks to our workforce.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of appropriate control measures.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to government and road safety organisations' published guidance.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Working Time regulations.
 - b. Statutory limitation of commercial vehicle drivers' hours.
 - c. The positioning and security of loads – in cars, vans and large goods vehicles
 - d. The length of the working day when hours driving to and from a job, visit, training course etc. is added to the time spent on the task.
 - e. Schedules that don't require excessive speed and allow time for rest breaks.
 - f. Weather conditions.
 - g. Allowance for rest breaks.
 - h. Policy on overnight stays.
 - i. Advanced driver training.
 - j. Suitability of vehicles.
 - k. Vehicle maintenance.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.

8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and following any incident or injury related to occupational road use, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

We have a duty to protect our employees and other people who use our premises from the risks associated with the use of office equipment.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider the safety implications of our use of office equipment.
- Making an assessment of the risks from our use of office equipment.
- Developing and implementing procedures, control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that office equipment is properly maintained.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing relevant training and keeping training records.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the safety of office equipment.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks of using office equipment we need to:

1. Consider our activities and identify where and when workers may be exposed to risks to their health and safety from the use of office equipment.
2. Assess the risks from that use of office equipment, identifying control measures already in place and any additional measure that may be required to avoid risk.
3. Consider relevant issues including:
 - a. The competence and training of workers who use office equipment.
 - b. Who does what when the equipment goes wrong?
 - c. Are any young workers likely to use office equipment? Are any special precautions needed?
 - d. Are manufacturers' instructions followed?
 - e. The maintenance of office equipment.
 - f. The location of office equipment.
4. Purchase robust equipment suitable for the work and environment in which we require it to be used.
5. Develop a procedure based on these considerations.
6. Keep a written record of any significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain our procedures and arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any accident or incident, making changes identified as beneficial or necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Where the protection of the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and others who may be affected by our work activity can only be achieved by the issue of personal protective equipment we have a duty to provide such equipment as is necessary.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to coordinate the management of work related health and safety issues.
- Reviewing our arrangements and procedures for the management of hazards and risk to identify where existing controls are not sufficient to protect workers or others from the risk of ill health.
- Identifying where personal protective equipment (PPE) are required to reduce risk to an acceptable level or provide further protection.
- Assessing the suitability and adequacy of the PPE supplied for use.
- Explaining the need for and the correct use of PPE to the workforce.
- Making sure that Managers and Supervisors know why and when PPE is required.
- Managers and Supervisors ensuring employees and others wear PPE in designated areas.
- Providing facilities for storage, cleaning, maintenance and replacement of PPE.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing the policy and procedures; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to continuously improve and reduce the incidence of work related ill health.

The personnel responsible for monitoring and implementing the use and issue of personal protective equipment are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce and others who may be affected by our work activity by the issue of personal protective equipment we need to;

1. Assess our work activities to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to risks to health that are not adequately controlled at source.
2. Where risks are identified - carry out an assessment of the risks to our workers and others.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required before the use of PPE is adopted. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Remember that the issue of PPE should only be considered when we are unable to control the hazard and risk by other reasonably practicable means.
6. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Elimination of the hazard.
 - b. Control of the hazard, extraction, dilution, dampening etc.
 - c. Adequacy of PPE.
 - d. Fitting of PPE to the individual user.
 - e. Storage facilities.
 - f. Arrangements for cleaning, repair and replacement.
 - g. Training for correct use, cleaning etc. Supervisors and users.
 - h. Supervising use.
 - i. Signs for area where the use of PPE is required.
 - j. Records of training, issue and replacement.
7. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and following any incident, injury or case of ill health caused by inadequate or failure to use PPE, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

PROTECTION of the PUBLIC

We have a duty when planning for and working on site to consider the protection of the public and especially children. We recognise that the construction design and management regulations gives us a specific responsibility to protect the public from hazardous activities.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for protection of the public.
- Considering the protection of the public when preparing the Construction Phase Plan and site risk assessments.
- Following best practice guidance on protecting the public.
- Providing suitable signage at the site entrance(s).
- Preventing public access to the site both when work is taking place and out of hours by ensuring the site is left in a secure and safe condition and especially so when the site is in a public or residential area.
- Co-operating with and explaining our arrangements and procedures to all parties on the site.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who may be affected.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage public protection such as additional security measures.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

PROTECTION of the PUBLIC

Action Check List

To protect the health and safety of the public from the risk of our activities we need to:

1. Consider public protection issues when preparing the Construction Phase Plan and in subsequent risk assessments.
2. Take account of official and professional guidance.
3. Display signs at the site entrance(s) warning that unauthorised access is not permitted and that all visitors are to report to the site office.
4. Ensure that the public is safe during work hours and that the site is left in a safe and secure condition out of hours and especially when the site is in public or residential areas.
5. The following on site precautions should be considered:
 - a. Whenever possible fence the entire site using 2 metre high de-mountable fencing or close hoarding to prevent children and others gaining access to the site.
 - b. Removing or 'boarding over' ladders to prevent access onto scaffolds and towers.
 - c. Where there is an obvious hazard of children gaining access to scaffolding the area must be secured with additional 2 metre high fencing or hoarding local to the working area and the ladder access physically removed.
 - d. Excavations protected by rigid barriers of a type that will keep children away from this danger. Manhole covers should be secured down. If needed, use additional local fencing to protect the excavation.
 - e. All plant should be secured in the compound or totally immobilised, so that it cannot move even if brakes are released.
 - f. Materials should be stored at low level on firm, flat ground. Items such as manhole rings should be stored horizontally and damaged brick packs broken down and re stacked.
 - g. Loose material such as sand or spoil heaps must have very gentle batters to their slopes.
6. If there is evidence that uninvited members of the public, especially children, have or probably will come onto the site, additional measures such as the use of security staff should be considered.

7. The site manager will regularly review and decide exactly what security measures are needed to ensure the safety of the public and children in particular.

THE PROVISION AND USE OF MACHINERY

We have a duty to ensure that machinery used in the course of our business is safe and without risk to our workers and others when in use.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to manage the health and safety issues relating to our use of machinery.
- Making an assessment of the risks from the use of machinery to our workforce and others.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work for machines currently in use and policies for the purchase of new machinery.
- Ensuring that the management of these policies, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures is by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where it is necessary.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from machinery.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

THE PROVISION AND USE OF MACHINERY

Action Plan

To protect workers from the hazards and risks involved in the use of machinery we need to:

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to machinery hazards and risks.
2. Where hazards and risks from the use of machinery are identified, risk assess the task(s) undertaken, to identify where control measures are required.
3. Involve the workforce in making these assessments of our needs
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Risks to users
 - b. Risks to tool setters, fitters and maintenance staff
 - c. Ease of setting
 - d. Ejection of work pieces
 - e. Fumes
 - f. Oil mist and bacterial contamination of oils
 - g. Pneumatic and hydraulic receivers
 - h. Handling work pieces
 - i. Training for setters
 - j. Training for operators
 - k. Newer safer machines
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.

10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever anyone is injured or suffers ill health as a result of using a machine, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

THE PROVISION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF WORK EQUIPMENT

We have a duty to protect our employees and other people who use our premises from the health and safety risks associated with the provision and use of work equipment.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider the health and safety issues surrounding any new equipment that we obtain and the equipment that we use in the course of our business.
- Making an assessment of the risks from work equipment when in use and during its maintenance.
- Developing and implementing procedures, control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that any work carried out on work equipment is carried out by competent workers or competent contractors.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment where appropriate.
- Regular maintenance and servicing.
- Statutory inspections by competent accredited engineers and surveyors where required.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing relevant training and keeping training records.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the provision and use of work equipment.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

THE PROVISION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF WORK EQUIPMENT

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks from work equipment we need to:

1. Consider our activities and identify where and when workers may be exposed to risks to their health and safety from our use of existing equipment.
2. Consider the implications for the health and safety of our workforce when purchasing or looking to purchase new equipment.
3. Assess the risks from any such exposure to work equipment, identifying control measures in place and any additional measure that may be required to avoid risk.
4. Consider relevant issues including:
 - a. What risks to health and safety might be created?
 - b. Do any parts look dangerous?
 - c. Do the guards adequately protect against the risk? Do they conform to the current BS/IS/EN standard?
 - d. Do fumes / dust escape from the equipment?
 - e. Is it used in flammable or explosive areas or in wet and adverse conditions? Is it designed and protected for such use?
 - f. Can you understand the controls? Are they in English?
 - g. Is it excessively noisy or is there excessive vibration?
 - h. Are there any special maintenance requirements?
 - i. Are parts that need maintenance easily accessible?
 - j. Does any part get very hot or cold?
 - k. Are there any live electrical parts exposed?
 - l. Are the supplied manufacturer's instructions clear and comprehensive?
5. Arrange for work equipment to be routinely serviced and maintained and for statutory inspections where required.
6. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and any systems of work or procedures adopted.
7. Implement the procedures and arrangements making sure that Managers and Supervisors understand them. Consider whether they need any training.

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8. Explain our procedures and arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and followed in practice. Provide training where necessary.
9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any incident, making changes identified as beneficial or necessary.

PURCHASING

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who enter our premises and we have systems in place to protect these groups from any adverse effects of all plant, equipment, supplies and substances that we purchase to support our work activities.

Our systems consist of:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify and manage the organisation's safe purchasing requirements.
- Developing and implementing a purchasing policy, identifying the safest available options.
- Ensuring that this policy is implemented by trained and competent staff.
- Ensuring that the equipment purchased is safe, adequate and suitable for its purpose, and that safety devices and other control measures are fitted.
- Providing adequate and sufficient personal protective equipment to employees.
- Providing relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to our purchasing policy.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

PURCHASING

Action Plan

To ensure that we purchase work equipment and substances that are safe, so far as is reasonably practicable, when used by our workers and others we need to;

1. Identify who in our company is authorised to purchase equipment, supplies and substances. Consider whether they need specific training for certain health and safety conditions.
2. Consider where we buy equipment and substances.
3. Obtain Manufacturer's Safety Data Sheets for the substances we purchase and consider the hazard and risk data provided.
4. When buying equipment specify in purchase orders that it complies with relevant European or National Standards.
5. On receipt of new equipment check that where relevant it bears compliance markings.
6. Involve workers in developing a procedure based on these considerations.
7. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood.
8. Provide training where required and information for staff nominated with responsibility.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time, making changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD REPORTING

We have a duty to assess the significant risks arising out of our business activities and for specific areas of concern. We have a duty to implement the findings of these risk assessments to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who may be affected by our work activity.

To support this process and our management of health and safety we encourage our employees to report all hazards observed in the course of their work, so that potential risks can be identified and the appropriate action taken.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to oversee our risk assessment process and hazard reporting procedure.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Developing risk assessments procedures, Safe Systems of Work and measures to effectively control the work activities within our work premises.
- Explaining the results of risk assessments to our workforce.
- Implementing the findings of the risk assessments, procedures, strategies, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Implementing hazard reporting procedures and explaining them to our workforce.
- Recording and analysing hazards when they occur and investigating corrective and preventive measures.
- Employees and others following our procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Regular review of existing risk assessments and identifying the need for additional assessments.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Routinely reviewing the operation of our systems.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

We use the experience from operating these arrangements to make improvements to our safety, health and welfare management system.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD REPORTING

Action Plan

For our risk assessment process to be sufficiently robust to protect the health, safety and welfare of our employees and those affected by our work activity we need to;

1. Nominate a senior manager to take responsibility for identifying hazards and managing and co-ordinating risk assessment.
2. Appoint and train sufficient numbers of staff in the process of risk assessment.
3. Systematically identify the hazards to which our workforce and others are exposed.
4. Provide a means for the workforce to identify and report hazards or potential hazards to their managers.
5. Consider the risks from those hazards, however recognised, identifying people at risk.
6. Evaluate the risks and decide if further precautions are required.
7. In significant cases, record our findings.
8. Implement those findings.
9. Involve Managers and workers in identifying hazards and carrying out risk assessments.
10. Explain the results of risk assessments to any affected staff and detail any new precautions or systems of work they need to follow.
11. Review risk assessments on a regular basis, commensurate to the risk.
12. Review our arrangements from time to time to ensure that they are fully understood and operating correctly.

THE SAFE USE OF MACHINERY

We have a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees during the use and maintenance of machinery.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify the hazards created by the use and maintenance of machinery.
- Assessing the risks to our workforce and others during the use and maintenance of machinery.
- Developing and implementing policies, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that any risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Ensuring that machinery is suitably safeguarded and regular, planned inspections are carried out on items of machinery in accordance with prescribed legislation, to identify their suitability for continued safe use.
- Ensuring employees and others adhere to procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from machine maintenance.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

THE SAFE USE OF MACHINERY

Action Plan

To protect the health and safety of workers during the use and maintenance of machinery we need to:

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or the public may be exposed to risk during the use, repair and maintenance of machinery.
2. Where risks from the use, repair and maintenance of machinery are identified, assess the risks from the task(s) undertaken, to identify the control measures required.
3. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
4. Involve the workforce in making these assessments of our needs.
5. Consider among all the issues;
 - a. Are dangerous parts of machinery suitably guarded or protected?
 - b. Is the integrity of the protection maintained when different jobs are done on the machine?
 - c. Which parts of the machine need the intervention of maintenance workers?
 - d. What is the nature of the intervention?
 - e. What do they do and how?
 - f. Isolation and lock off procedures.
 - g. Stored energy.
 - h. Lifting heavy parts.
 - i. Chemical, oil etc. contamination.
 - j. Entry to confined and restricted spaces.
 - k. Have they been formally trained for the jobs they do?
 - l. Is manufacturers' advice or instruction being followed?
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.

8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever an employee suffers an injury or ill health as a result of maintaining machinery, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

SITE SECURITY AND VISITORS

When planning for site works we have a duty to give consideration to the protection of site visitors. We recognise that we also have specific responsibilities under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 to protect the public from our activities.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for site security and visitors.
- Ensuring site security on possession of a working site and securing the boundary preferably with lockable gates and suitable hoarding to prevent unauthorised access and fly-tipping. Where the whole site cannot be secured we always ensure that the particular parts of the site areas where we are working and there is potentially hazardous operations or particular equipment are appropriately secured.
- Providing suitable notices and warning signs at the site entrance(s).
- Providing a car park for private vehicles with controlled access to the construction area and clear access to site offices and facilities.
- Assessing the risks to visitors, implementing control measures and a visitor procedure for the reception of such people.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who may be affected.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage site security and visitors.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

SITE SECURITY AND VISITORS

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of visitors to our site from the risk of our activities we need to:

1. Consider site security on possession and securing the boundary preferably with lockable gates and suitable hoarding to prevent unauthorised access or fly-tipping. Where the whole site cannot be secured ensuring that areas where we are working and with potentially hazardous operations or particular equipment are appropriately secured.
2. Maintain site security throughout the duration of the project.
3. Display signage at the site entrance(s) to inform everyone entering the site that unauthorised access is not permitted and the health and safety requirements of the site. These will include minimum standards of PPE and require that all visitors must report to the site office.
4. Clearly identify and signpost the route to the site office, where that is not obvious.
5. Provide a car park for privately owned contractor and visitor vehicles that can be accessed from a public road with controlled access to the construction area and clear access to the site offices and facilities.
6. Complete a risk assessment of the potential hazards to visitors and implement a suitable procedure to control these hazards. One or more of the following on site precautions will be required:
 - a. A booking in procedure.
 - b. Induction of the visitor on potential hazards, first aid, fire and emergency arrangements, PPE and restricted areas.
 - c. Escorting of the visitor where appropriate.
 - d. Provision of PPE if required.
7. Regularly review our security and visitor reception procedures modifying and improving our arrangements as is shown to be appropriate..

SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT

We understand we have a duty to effectively manage waste generated from our activities to ensure its safe and environmentally sound disposal. We recognise that we have a legal duty of care to manage waste and specific responsibilities under a range of legislation for the effective management of waste be it inert, non-hazardous and hazardous.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for the management of waste on sites and provide them with sufficient training and resources.
- Classifying the waste as hazardous or non-hazardous and ensuring it is passed onto an authorised person with the correct competence and holding an environmental permit or licence.
- Check involved parties hold the relevant licences, permits or exemptions.
- Apply the waste hierarchy.
- Using a Site Waste Management Plan (not mandatory) to aid our management of waste.
- Co-operating with and explaining our arrangements and procedures to other contractors working on the site.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage waste on site.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Action Check List

To minimise environmental impact from our production of waste we need to:

1. Classify the waste as hazardous or non-hazardous with reference to the European Waste Catalogue code.
2. Ensure waste is passed on to an authorised person with the correct technical competence and holding a relevant environmental permit or licence.
3. Ensure any contractors who carry or collect waste hold a waste carrier's licence and any waste transfers are supported by the correct document such as a controlled waste transfer note for non-hazardous and a consignment note for hazardous waste.
4. Ensure waste treatment or disposal facilities have an environmental permit (England and Wales) or waste management licence (Scotland) unless they have a registered exemption.
5. Register with the EA (England) or NRW (Wales) if the site produces more than 500kg of hazardous waste.
6. Apply the waste hierarchy that consists of the following:
 - a. Prevent waste.
 - b. Reduce waste.
 - c. Reuse/recycle waste.
 - d. Energy recovery from waste.
 - e. Disposal of waste
7. Prepare and update a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to help manage waste on site and improve resource efficiency and reduce waste. We recognise this is no longer mandatory for sites.
8. Communicate our arrangements to others on site.
9. Monitor the effectiveness of our arrangements and take action where identified.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

We have a duty to protect our workers and others visiting our premises from the risks of slipping, tripping and falling.

We meet this duty by:

- Nominating senior staff members to be responsible for monitoring and improving workplace pedestrian safety.
- Identifying all the potential causes of slips, trips and falls and assessing the risk.
- Developing and implementing procedures and control measures.
- Ensuring that pedestrian routes are fit for the purpose, that they are routinely maintained and checked.
- Ensuring that any risk assessments or safety inspections are carried out by competent and trained personnel.
- Adhering to our risk assessments, procedures and control measures.
- Providing wherever possible segregated traffic routes and adequate signage.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Regular monitoring and review of our arrangements to ensure that arrangements we have made remain sufficient to control the potential risk.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Action Plan

To protect our workforce and others who visit our premises from the risk of accidents caused by slips, trips and falls we need to;

1. Identify where on our worksite there are potential areas for slips, trips or falls accidents.
2. Assess the hazards in each of those areas and the risks that people at work and others may face.
3. Identify existing controls and any additional measures that we should be taking.
4. Consider issues including;
 - a. Floor surfaces.
 - b. The environment.
 - c. Footwear.
 - d. Contamination.
 - e. Obstacles and obstructions.
 - f. Cleaning regimes.
 - g. People – human factors.
5. Involve workers in developing a procedure or arrangements based on these considerations.
6. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any report of a dangerous incident or of a person suffering injury or due to slipping or tripping and falling on our premises or while at work making changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

STATUTORY NUISANCES

We understand that construction activities are inherently noisy and can generate dust, exhaust emissions and fumes and we have a duty to minimise and manage these issues on site. We recognise that we have specific responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to effectively manage statutory nuisance to people offsite.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for managing operations that might create a statutory nuisance and provide them with sufficient training and resources.
- Managing dust and emissions by identifying sensitive receptors and liaising with the local authority and implementing controls to mitigate any negative dust.
- Making application for Section 61 Noise consent on sites where above average levels of noise or vibration may be created, and complying with any consent conditions.
- Implementing noise and vibration controls.
- Acting as a good neighbour and liaising with the local community to avoid complaints and damage to reputation.
- Monitoring the generation of light from our sites.
- Co-operating with and explaining our arrangements and procedures to other contractors working on the site.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who might produce a statutory nuisance.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage statutory nuisance.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

STATUTORY NUISANCES

Action Check List

To minimise and manage statutory nuisance we need to:

1. Understand that Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act includes the following statutory nuisances:
 - a. Premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health.
 - b. Smoke emissions that are prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
 - c. Fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
 - d. Any dust, steam, odour or other waste that is a nuisance or prejudicial to health.
 - e. Any accumulation or deposit that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
 - f. Any water covering land, or land covered with water, which is in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
 - g. Artificial light emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
 - h. Noise emitted from premises, vehicles, machinery or equipment that may be prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
2. Ensure that the best practical means have been used to prevent, or to counteract the effects of the nuisance.
 - a. Current technical knowledge.
 - b. The design, construction and maintenance of buildings and enclosures.
 - c. Design, installation, maintenance and periods of operation of plant.
 - d. Financial implications.
 - e. Local conditions.
3. Manage dust and emissions by identifying sensitive receptors, liaison with the local authority and implementing dust and emission control measures including:
 - a. Dampening down of haul roads and use of water suppression for activities.
 - b. Road sweeping and wheel washing facilities.
 - c. Covering of materials that leave site.

- d. Use of dust screens and silt fencing.
- 4. Apply for Section 61 Noise consent and comply with the stipulated conditions.
- 5. Ensure suitable steps are taken to control noise and vibration such as:
 - a. Selection of low noise, low vibration working methods and equipment.
 - b. Working hours.
 - c. Screening methods and Isolation.
- 6. Checking the direction of lighting and reflection of surfaces generated such as from lighting towers and security lighting.
- 7. Acting as a good neighbour through community liaison.
- 8. Monitoring our measures and implementing improvements.

STORAGE OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES and AGENTS

We have a duty to protect our workers and others from the potential hazards and risks present as a result of the storage of chemical substances at our workplace.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify the chemical substances used and their storage requirements.
- Developing and implementing risk assessments, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures to minimise risk within our work premises.
- Implementing the procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that the storage, containment and exhaust ventilation arrangements are adequate for their purpose, as defined in prescribed legislation.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to chemical substances are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from stored chemical substances.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

STORAGE OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES and AGENTS

Action Plan

To protect our workforce and others from the potential hazards and risks present as a result of the storage of chemical agents at our workplace we need to;

1. Make an inventory of every chemical substance, including its location and the maximum quantities expected, stored on our premises.
2. Assess the potential risks from the storage of each of those substances and identify those which are hazardous and those which are not.
3. Assess the hazardous chemical substances for the risks that they pose to health and safety because of the quantities that we store and / or the way that they are stored.
4. Identify the control measures that we should adopt.
5. Consider matters including;
 - a. What hazardous chemical substances do we store?
 - b. In what quantity?
 - c. Where?
 - d. Are they stored in accordance with SDS recommendations and published guidance?
 - e. Are the storage arrangements suitable?
 - f. Have we identified and separated incompatible chemical agents? How can we improve our storage arrangements?
 - g. Is our workforce aware of hazards and risks?
6. Record details of our assessments, the results and any controls subsequently introduced.
7. Prepare a detailed statement of how we control the risks.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.

11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever hazardous substances give rise to incident, injury or ill health, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

STREET WORKS AND ROAD WORKS

We have a duty to protect our workforce from the risks of carrying out construction work in close proximity to live roads and vehicular traffic. We recognise that we have specific responsibilities under the new roads and street works legislation and construction design and management regulations.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for managing street works.
- Completing specific risk assessments for all work involving street works or road works.
- Ensuring that any statutory street work notices are sent to the relevant authority.
- Ensuring the employment of trained, competent workers in relation to the type of work to be conducted and in particular those involved in laying out the site, signage or lighting and traffic control measures.
- Ensuring that work is carried out in accordance with the Safety at Street Works and Road Works Code of Practice.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who may be affected by moving vehicles.
- Providing the appropriate equipment for the task.
- Providing suitable and appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage street works and road works.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

STREET WORKS AND ROAD WORKS

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers from the risk of moving vehicles during street and road works we need to:

1. Conduct a risk assessment for the movement of vehicles that considers the following:
 - a. Signage and lighting.
 - b. Working on different classes of roads.
 - c. Methods of traffic control.
 - d. Controlling the speed of passing traffic.
 - e. Works near to tramways and level crossings.
2. Ensure that statutory notifications are completed in conformance of new roads and street works legislation and construction design and management regulations.
3. Employ suitably qualified and competent persons in relation to the type of work to be conducted and in particular those involved in laying out the site, signage or lighting and traffic control measures.
4. Ensure that every supervisor and worker involved has been trained in the hazards and risks associated with the work and are also inducted and given instruction on the specific arrangements applicable to each site on which they work.
5. Ensuring that work is carried out in accordance with Safety at Street Works and Road Works Codes of Practice.
6. Ensure adequate supervision is in place to monitor working activities by workers and ensure that specific site precautions and arrangements are observed.

Advice and guidance on Street works and Road works can be found within the Code of Practice – Safety at Street Works and Road Works which is freely downloadable from the Department of Transport.

STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE

We recognise that we have a duty to take action to reduce and where reasonably practicable to eliminate ill health which is caused by work related stress.

We do this by;

- Nominating senior staff members to consider and manage the issue of work related stress.
- Developing and implementing a policy for identifying and managing work related stress.
- Involving our workforce in the development of this policy and our procedures.
- Providing information about the policy to all workers.
- Training Managers and Supervisors to recognise symptoms of work related stress.
- Ensuring that the policy is adopted and followed.
- Ensuring employees know what to do if they suspect they, or a colleague, are suffering from stress.
- Providing counselling or occupational health services and support.
- Monitoring and reviewing the policy and procedures; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage ill health caused by work related stress.

The personnel responsible for monitoring and implementing the above policy are identified in the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE

Action Plan

To protect our workforce from ill health caused by work related stress we need to;

1. Assess our work activities to identify where and when workers or others may experience unacceptable levels of work related stress.
2. Prepare a stress policy and plan of action when a worker is identified as suffering ill health on account of work related stress.
3. Involve the workforce in developing the policy and plan of action.
4. Identify any control measures already in place and the additional measures or actions that may be required. Refer to published trade guidance and advice.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. The outward signs of stress;
 - i. emotional. Fatigue, anxiety, poor motivation in general.
 - ii. cognitive. Making mistakes, having accidents.
 - iii. behavioural. Deteriorating relationships with colleagues, irritability, indecisiveness, absenteeism, excessive smoking, excessive drinking, overeating etc.
 - iv. physiological, Increased complaints about health - headaches, dizziness etc.
 - b. Stress risks assessments.
 - c. Support to an employee who is experiencing stress whether work related or not e.g. following a bereavement or separation.
 - d. The effect of new or changed roles without adequate training.
 - e. The effect of poor communication during times of change
 - f. Excessive workloads, long working hours, unsocial hours.
 - g. Working alone
 - h. Employees having to cover for the poor performance or attendance of colleagues.
 - i. Do employees have developmental opportunities.
 - j. Bullying and harassment by Managers, Supervisors and colleagues.

6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the policy and procedure. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the policy and procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of the policy and procedure from time to time and following any case of ill health caused by work related stress, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

SUBSTANCE and ALCOHOL ABUSE

We have a duty to protect the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others from the hazards that may arise as a result of workers abusing alcohol and other substances.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to coordinate and manage our substance and alcohol abuse policies and provision.
- Developing and implementing strategies, policies and procedures.
- Providing competent accredited trained personnel to provide support and counselling services.
- Employees and others adhering to the contents of our procedures and policies.
- Providing and recording relevant training
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from substance abuse.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

SUBSTANCE and ALCOHOL ABUSE

Action Plan

To protect workers and others from the risks of working with people who abuse substances and alcohol we need to;

1. Develop a policy for dealing with workers whose abuse of substances and alcohol put other people at work at risk.
2. Consider;
 - a. The problem should be treated as an illness.
 - b. The problem can be successfully treated.
 - c. Disciplinary action is a last resort.
 - d. Sufferers may find it difficult to admit to a problem.
 - e. It is easier to take action in the early stages of the condition.
 - f. Staff should be able to identify early signs of problems.
 - g. Advice is available from many organisations including local Health Authorities.
3. Develop a policy and procedure based on these considerations.
4. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood.
5. Provide training and information, where required, for staff nominated with responsibility so that they are able to identify workers with substance abuse problems.
6. Implement the procedure, identify who is to provide support and counselling services and ensure that it is followed in practice.
7. Ensure that staff, particularly Managers and Supervisors, remains aware of our procedure although we hope and expect it will not be required in practice.
8. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure whenever it has been used, making changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

TRACKSIDE SAFETY

We have a duty to make additional specific arrangements for the health, safety and welfare of our workforce when working on a railway. We recognise the specific responsibilities imposed by both the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management as the Safe Worker Leader (SWL) to take responsibility for activities on railways and to provide them with adequate resources and training.
- Appointing a Controller(s) of Site Safety (COSS) to brief and supervise the workforce.
- Ensuring that we hold the relevant licences approved by Network Rail to permit work on the railway.
- Ensuring that our workforce is competent and that workers hold a Personal Track Safety (PTS) Certificate.
- Making sure that the site is secure at the end of each working day.
- Ensuring that the PPE provided to our workforce complies with the relevant British Standards and Railway Group Standards (all orange plus reflective elements).
- Using templates created by Network Rail for the Construction Phase Plan, Work Package Plans and Task Briefings.
- Ensuring that working hours are controlled and prohibiting excessive overtime working or shift lengths. Working hours are recorded and retained.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by everyone who may be affected.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage trackside safety.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

TRACKSIDE SAFETY

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workforce we need to:

1. Appoint a Safe Worker Leader (SWL) to take overall responsibility for the safety of all planned work on Network Rail worksites.
2. Appoint Controller(s) of Site Safety (COSS) who will brief and supervise the workforce.
3. Hold and retain the relevant licences from Network Rail to permit work on the railway.
4. Ensure all of our workforce hold an up to date Personal Track Safety (PTS) card and all other relevant cards and competencies, e.g. Plant Operations Scheme (POS).
5. Ensure the site is secure at the end of each working day and any that security related incidents are reported.
6. Provide and maintain Personal Protective Equipment suitable for trackside use which meets Railway Group Standards and conforms to the relevant British Standards.
7. Comply with all safety conditions stipulated by Network Rail or train operating company as part of their safety management systems – normally incorporated into the licensing arrangements and the Construction Phase Plan.
8. Ensure working hours are controlled and prohibit excessive overtime working or shift lengths. Working hours will be recorded and retained for inspection.
9. Ensure that adequate supervision is in place on each job to monitor the activities of our workers and to ensure that specific site precautions and arrangements are observed.
10. Regularly review our procedures.

Advice and guidance on trackside safety is available from the Railway Safety and Standards Board (RSSB) who is responsible for publishing railway group standards GE/RT8000 Network Rail Master Rule Book.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (SITE)

We have a duty to protect our workforce and other parties from the risks created by the movement of vehicles. To effectively manage traffic we recognise that worksites should be organised so that vehicle movements will not put pedestrian at risk. We also recognise that we have specific responsibilities under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 to effectively manage the movement of vehicles on sites.

We have made arrangements to comply with our legal responsibilities by;

- Nominating an individual member of management to take responsibility for planning and managing traffic on site.
- Completing a risk assessment for traffic management and the implementation of practical measures to ensure safe movement of pedestrians, mobile plant and vehicles on each site where we work.
- Where on-site parking is possible providing a car park for private vehicles with controlled access to the construction area.
- Ensuring that traffic routes are suitable, separating vehicles and pedestrians and are maintained and extended as work progresses.
- Providing suitable warning, directional and instruction signs.
- Co-operating with and explaining our arrangements and procedures to all parties on the site.
- Ensuring that these procedures are adopted by all parties who may be affected by moving vehicles.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems with the aim of making improvements to the way we manage the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.
- The person nominated with responsibility for overseeing these arrangements is identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (SITE)

Action Check List

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers from the risk of moving vehicles we need to:

1. Conduct a risk assessment for the movement of vehicles that considers the following:
 - a. The establishment of pedestrian routes that segregate pedestrians and vehicles; either by physical barriers or by a safe distance.
 - b. Traffic routes that minimise congestion and risk of collision.
 - c. Speed limits.
 - d. One way systems and turning areas.
 - e. Parking areas.
 - f. Material storage and lay down areas.
 - g. Signage.
 - h. Use of hi-visibility clothing.
2. Providing a car park for private vehicles, when possible, preferably accessed directly from a public road with access to office and welfare areas only.
3. Prohibiting private vehicle access to the construction area.
4. Ensuring that safe designated pedestrian routes are available to all work areas and extended as work progresses.
5. Provide competent signallers wherever there is a need for reversing, particularly where site access is difficult and when pedestrians cannot be completely segregated.
6. Providing a wheel wash or road sweeper if required to keep site and public roads clear of mud and other debris.
7. Ensure adequate supervision is in place to ensure compliance.

USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS AND SUBSTANCES

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who may be affected by our work activities from the harmful effects of exposure to hazardous substances used in the course of our business.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to identify chemical agents and the hazards posed by them.
- Developing and implementing risk assessments, procedures or Safe Systems of Work and control measures.
- Ensuring that any risk assessments are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Employees and others adhering to the contents of the developed procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing safe equipment for use with hazardous substances.
- Providing sufficient personal protective equipment.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from chemical substances.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS AND SUBSTANCES

Action Plan

To protect our employees and others who may be affected by our work activities from the harmful effects of exposure to chemical substances used in the course of our business we need to;

1. Make an inventory of every hazardous substance used in the course of our business.
2. Assess the hazardous substances we use and the risks that they pose to health and safety because of the quantities that we use and / or the way that we use them.
3. Assess or measure the levels of hazardous substances to which our workforce is exposed.
4. Identify the control measures that we should adopt.
5. Consider relevant matters including;
 - a. What hazardous substances do we use?
 - b. Who might be exposed?
 - c. Where and when?
 - d. What are the levels they are exposed to?
 - e. How does this compare with the Workplace Exposure Limits?
 - f. Can we eliminate the risk entirely?
 - g. How do we reduce exposure?
 - h. What control measures are appropriate?
6. Record details of our assessments, measurements, results and any controls subsequently introduced.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Inform, instruct and train workers about the hazardous substances we use, the risks, exposure levels in the workplace and any control measures introduced.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Report any incidence of a reportable disease to the Enforcing Authorities.

11. From time to time check that the control measures are still working and that exposure levels are being controlled below the Workplace Exposure Limit.
12. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever hazardous substances give rise to incident, injury or ill-health, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

WELFARE, STAFF AMENITIES, REST ROOMS and the WORKING ENVIRONMENT

We are obliged to make and maintain arrangements for welfare and the provision of a safe and healthy working environment for our workforce whilst they are at work. This includes a duty to provide restrooms where work is arduous or conducted in a hostile environment and for the welfare of new and expectant mothers.

We do this by;

- Nominating senior staff members to oversee our provision and maintenance of welfare facilities and a safe working environment.
- Maintaining our workplace including buildings and fixtures in good order and according to required standards.
- Providing welfare facilities that are fit for purpose and include adequate hot, cold and drinking water, sanitary conveniences, hand washing facilities, facilities for meal breaks, sufficient light, heat and ventilation.
- Implementing housekeeping, cleaning and maintenance regimes.
- Providing and recording relevant instruction and training.
- Regular monitoring and review of our arrangements and facilities to ensure that they remain sufficient and are adequately maintained.

The personnel responsible for these measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WELFARE, STAFF AMENITIES, REST ROOMS and the WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Action Plan

To ensure that we make the proper and necessary arrangements for welfare and to provide a safe working environment for our workforce we need to;

1. Consider the arrangements we have in place to provide for the welfare of our workforce whilst at work and to provide a safe working environment.
2. Assess the specific welfare arrangements, including rest rooms and catering areas, that we have provided against both minimum legal requirements and what might reasonably be expected by law; particularly where work may be arduous or in a hostile environment.
3. Consider among other relevant issues;
 - a. our worksite, the condition of the buildings;
 - b. temperature, ventilation and lighting in the workplace;
 - c. the use of chemical, biological and radiological substances;
 - d. the condition of floors, walls and ceilings;
 - e. traffic routes;
 - f. sanitary and washing facilities;
 - g. clothing accommodation, changing rooms and rest rooms;
 - h. drinking water and the means for making hot drinks and heating food;
 - i. workers in isolated locations;
 - j. the needs of nursing and expectant mothers;
 - k. the heating and cleaning of rest rooms and welfare facilities.
4. Involve workers in these considerations and in the development and maintenance of facilities and arrangements based on these considerations.
5. Keep a written record of significant assessments, actions identified and taken.
6. Provide information and any necessary training to employees, Managers and any staff nominated with responsibility to ensure that our arrangements and provisions are understood.
7. Monitor welfare arrangements and facilities to ensure that they remain sufficient, are maintained in a good clean condition and are fit for purpose.

WINDOWS, GLASS AND GLAZING IN THE WORKPLACE

We have a duty to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who enter our premises from the risks posed by glass and glazing.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to reduce the risks from glass and glazing systems.
- Making an assessment of the risks from glass and glazing systems to our workforce and others.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to glass and glazing systems are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from glass and glazing systems.

The personnel responsible for the above measures and training relating to glazing within our workplace are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WINDOWS, GLASS AND GLAZING IN THE WORKPLACE

Action Plan

To ensure the safety, health and welfare of our employees and others who enter our premises from the risks to their safety from inappropriate glass or glazing systems we need to;

1. Identify glass and glazing which, because of its use and position, could present a risk to the safety of building users.
2. Assess the risks to our workforce and others from the glass or glazing systems at our workplace.
3. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
4. Consider;
 - a. What type of glazing is installed?
 - b. Is there a risk of contact with the glazing?
 - c. Does the glass or glazing material meet current standards for that application?
 - d. Is all of the glazing obvious – i.e. will glass walls always be noticed by a passer-by?
5. Explain these arrangements to the workforce, their Supervisors and Managers.
6. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
7. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
8. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever there is an incident involving glass and glazing systems, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

WORK AT HEIGHT

We have a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our employees and others against the risks involved in working at height.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to be responsible for identifying and managing work at height.
- Assessing the risks to our workers and others from the risks involved in working at height.
- Developing and implementing procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that access and other equipment provided for work at height is fit for the purpose, correctly installed, used and maintained, and checked at the correct frequency.
- Ensuring that risk assessments and inspections are carried out by competent and trained personnel.
- Ensuring that control measures are installed and managed by competent trained personnel.
- Following our risk assessments, procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work in practice.
- Providing and recording training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from work at height.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORK AT HEIGHT

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others whilst working in areas where they could be at risk because they are working at height we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to hazard and risk due to work at height.
2. Where a risk is identified make a risk assessment for the task.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of control measures to eliminate or reduce risk. Liaise with clients and others where necessary.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. All work above ground where there is a risk of falling.
 - b. Occasional job tasks as well as routine tasks.
 - c. Does the work have to be done at height?
 - d. Use of appropriate access equipment.
 - e. Weather conditions.
 - f. Competency of workers.
 - g. Condition of ladders and access equipment.
 - h. Unexpected tasks e.g. leaking roof, overflowing gutter.
 - i. Safety nets.
 - j. Personal protective systems.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.

10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and following any injury due to work at height, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

WORK IN CONFINED SPACES

We have a duty to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our employees and others whenever they are required to work in 'confined spaces'.

We do this by;

- Nominating senior staff members to be responsible for identifying and managing health and safety during work in confined spaces.
- Assessing the risks to our workforce and others from working in confined spaces.
- Developing and implementing control measures including confined space working procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that where they are necessary 'permit to work' and confined spaces work systems are developed and explained to the workforce.
- Ensuring that the issue and completion of confined space 'work permit systems' is properly managed.
- Following permit to work procedures, control measures and Safe Systems of Work in practice.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks associated with work in confined spaces.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORK IN CONFINED SPACES

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others whilst working in areas where they could be affected by the hazards and risks involved in working in confined spaces we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may at any time need to work in confined spaces.
2. Assess risks to our workers and others identified as having to work in confined spaces.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of appropriate control measures.
4. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Elimination of the work.
 - b. Can the work be done from outside the confined space?
 - c. Draining tanks, vessels, pipes etc.
 - d. Purging tanks, vessels, pipes etc. of flammable vapours.
 - e. Permits to work, First aid.
 - f. Supervision.
 - g. Training of Supervisors and workers.
 - h. Maintenance of plant.
 - i. Longer term redesign of plant or process to avoid need for entry to a confined space.
 - j. Personal protective equipment.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.
7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.

9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and following any incident, injury or case of ill health, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

WRULD (WORK RELATED UPPER LIMB DISORDERS)

We have a duty to protect our workforce from the risk of Work Related Upper Limb Disorders (WRULD) which could arise from our work activities.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to coordinate the way we deal with the risk of WRULDs.
- Developing and implementing control measures, strategies and procedures etc.
- Ensuring that the development of our control measures, procedures and strategies is undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using mechanical aids where appropriate.
- Employees and others adhering to our procedures and arrangements and using any control measures provided.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks of work related upper limb disorders.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WRULD (WORK RELATED UPPER LIMB DISORDERS)

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our workers from the risk of work related upper limb disorders we need to;

1. Consider the arrangements we have in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of workers who perform repetitive tasks.
2. Assess the specific hazards and risks to the health, safety and welfare of workers performing repetitive tasks.
3. Identify any workers with particular health issues that make them particularly susceptible to WRULD.
4. Identify any control measures in place and any additional measures that may be required.
5. Consider among other relevant issues;
 - a. The job
 - b. Mechanical aids that are readily available
 - c. Repetitive bending, twisting, reaching movements, repetitive hand and wrist movements
 - d. Postural matters
 - e. Temperature and drafts
 - f. Workstation layout, tools and jigs, ergonomic design
 - g. Physical attributes of the worker
 - h. Seating
 - i. Job rotation
 - j. Rest breaks away from the workstation
6. Involve workers in developing procedures based on these considerations.
7. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments, the control measures and systems of work adopted.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.

10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Report any incidence of medically diagnosed work related upper limb disorder to the Enforcing Authority.
12. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any report of a worker developing or suffering from a WRULD, making changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

WORKING IN THE OPEN AIR

We have a duty to protect our employees from the risks posed from working in the open air.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to reduce the risks arising from working in the open air.
- Making an assessment of the risks to our workforce from working in the open air.
- Developing and implementing control measures, policies and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the management of the policy, procedures, Safe Systems of Work and control measures relating to open air working are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and using personal protective equipment.
- Managing our activities to ensure that employees and others use the control measures provided and follow our policies, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from working in the open air.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORKING IN THE OPEN AIR

Action Plan

To protect workers from the risks posed from working in the open air we need to:

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers may be exposed to harm from working in the open air.
2. Identify any workers with health issues that make them particularly susceptible to injury from external working.
3. Identify the control measures already in place and any additional measures that may be required.
4. Consider;
 - a. Excessive exposure to sunlight – provide sunscreen/sun block, water supply, regular breaks, covering exposed parts of the body.
 - b. Watercourse hazards – fall arrest equipment, inflatable life jackets, two-man working.
 - c. Lack of available light to work safely (e.g. during the winter months or at night) – provide appropriate artificial lighting and spare bulbs.
 - d. Exposure to dust and micro-organisms (resulting in sensitization or asthma) – is health surveillance or respiratory protective equipment required?
 - e. Life-threatening reactions from bites and stings - availability of antidotes, first aid provision, medical assistance, individual specific risk assessments.
 - f. Adverse weather conditions (hypothermia, heat exhaustion) - length of time of exposure, appropriate clothing, periodic rest breaks.
5. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments and the control measures and systems of work adopted.
6. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
7. Explain our system and arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
8. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
9. Report any incidence of a reportable injury or disease to the Enforcing Authorities.

10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and whenever an employee is harmed as a result of working in the open air, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

WORKING TIME, NIGHT WORK AND SHIFT WORKING

We have a duty to take account of the hazards and risk of long working hours, night and shift work and to ensure the health and safety of members of our workforce who work at night and on shifts.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to coordinate and manage hours of work and safe shift working activity on site.
- Identifying the hazards and risks that shift working may pose to our workforce.
- Developing and implementing strategies, procedures etc.
- Ensuring that the development of the strategies and procedures relating to shift working are undertaken by competent, trained personnel.
- Ensuring that Managers, employees and others follow our procedures and rules.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring hours of work and shift work patterns.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks from shift working.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORKING TIME, NIGHT WORK AND SHIFT WORKING

Action Plan

To set up a system for taking account of the hazards and risk of long working hours, night and shift work and to ensure the health and safety of members of our workforce, including those who work at night and on shifts we need to;

1. Ensure that the people nominated with responsibility for these arrangements have the knowledge and experience to operate the system effectively.
2. Provide suitable training for those who don't.
3. Create the system and make sure it is known to all members of our workforce.
4. Consider as part of the system issues including;
 - a. The well-being of workers employed to work on shift systems which start or finish beyond the normal working day.
 - b. Whether any of our workers are particularly vulnerable, e.g. young people, older people, new and expectant mothers.
 - c. Whether health surveillance may be necessary or desirable.
 - d. Whether early finishes or late starts put workers at additional risk from break-in or robbery.
 - e. First aid cover, emergency cover.
 - f. Security, lighting.
 - g. Senior management availability.
 - h. Welfare facilities, temperature, food, drink etc.
 - i. Communications - shift to shift issues and problems.
5. Shift handover arrangements.
6. Involve workers in developing procedures based on these considerations.
7. Keep a written record of significant risk assessments, the control measures and systems of work adopted.
8. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures. Consider whether they need any training.
9. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide training where necessary.

10. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
11. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and after any report of a worker developing or suffering ill health as a result of long working hours or shift work, make changes identified as necessary or beneficial.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTATION

We have a duty to consult with our workforce on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare whilst at work. To meet this obligation we have established a process for Managers to consult with employees and elected safety representatives about work-related health, safety and welfare issues. We also use this system to deliver simple safety messages and rules through short tool-box talks.

We do this by:

- Nominating Supervisors and Managers to organise and hold consultation meetings and tool box talks.
- Arranging scheduled formal consultation meetings or tool box talks between Managers, elected representatives and employees.
- Developing and implementing consultation procedures.
- Implementing and undertaking where necessary a **‘one to one’** consultation process with individual employees. Details of such sessions will be recorded.
- Taking and keeping minutes of consultation meetings, making them available to all staff.
- Being seen to listen and act on issues and concerns raised during ‘one to one’ consultation meetings.

The management and supervisory personnel responsible for implementing and operating this consultation process are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTATION

Action Plan

To set up a system for consulting with our workforce on health and safety at work matters we need to;

1. Ensure that the people nominated with responsibility for these arrangements have the knowledge and experience to operate the system effectively.
2. Provide suitable training for those who don't.
3. Create the system and make sure it is known to all members of our workforce.
4. Consider as part of the system;
 - a. recognising and involving representatives of the workforce from all levels.
 - b. permitting employee representatives to have time off to attend relevant health and safety training.
 - c. provide training for employee representatives if necessary or beneficial to the process.
 - d. scheduling health and safety as an agenda item for Consultation meetings.
 - e. implementing and undertaking 'one to one' consultation sessions with individual employees.
 - f. formally recording the outcomes of all consultation meetings and retaining these records.
 - g. making the outcomes of consultation meetings available to all those employees affected by them.
5. Explain these arrangements to our workforce. Ensure they are understood.
6. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
7. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time to check that our workforce is consulted about health and safety matters that affect them whilst at work.

WORKPLACE SIGNS

Where it is appropriate we have a legal duty to display safety signs to warn our workers and others of hazards that may be present in our workplace.

We do this by:

- Nominating senior staff members to consider and identify where we need to use safety signs.
- Identifying and implementing procedures for the purchase and installation of signs.
- Ensuring that signage is adequate for its purpose and it is maintained and checked.
- Ensuring that assessments of our requirements are made by competent, trained personnel.
- Ensuring that workplace signs are adhered to.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the use of safety signs.

The personnel responsible for the above measures are identified within the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORKPLACE SIGNS

Action Plan

To protect the health, safety and welfare of our employees and others from the hazards and risks present in our workplace we need to use safety signs as a way of warning personnel that those hazards exist. We need to;

1. Identify where on our worksite hazards exist that need to be marked with warning signs.
2. Identify signs already in place and any additional signs that may be required.
3. Consider, as part of our assessment, issues such as;
 - a. Where prohibition signs should be used.
 - b. Where signs should be used as a caution.
 - c. Where signs should be used to require positive action.
 - d. Where signs are required to indicate a mandatory action.
 - e. Whether signs are made, coloured and displayed according to legal requirements.
 - f. Replacement of damaged signs – now and in the future.
4. Involve our workforce in developing these arrangements and systems.
5. Keep a written record of assessments and decisions made.
6. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
7. Explain decisions to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
8. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
9. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure and the provision of signs from time to time.

WORKPLACE TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL

We have a duty to protect our workforce and others from the risks created by our use of workplace transport.

We do this by;

- Nominating senior staff members to identify hazards and risks and manage workplace transport safety.
- Assessing the risks created by workplace transport.
- Developing and implementing control measures, procedures and Safe Systems of Work.
- Ensuring that the vehicles are adequate for their purpose and that they are maintained and checked at the correct frequency.
- Providing warning signs and segregating pedestrians and transport where practicable.
- Ensuring that risk assessments are completed by competent, trained personnel.
- Providing and recording relevant training.
- Monitoring and reviewing our systems; using our experience of operating these arrangements we aim to make improvements to the way we manage the risks associated with workplace transport.

The personnel responsible for these measures are identified in the Responsibility Table of our Health and Safety Policy.

WORKPLACE TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL

Action Plan

To ensure the safety of our employees and others working where they could be affected by the hazards and risks from workplace transport we need to;

1. Assess our work activity to identify where and when workers or others may be exposed to the hazards of workplace transport.
2. Where workplace transport hazards are identified carry out an assessment of the risks to our workers and others.
3. Involve the workforce in these assessments and in the identification of appropriate control measures.
4. Identify the control measures in place and any additional measures required. Refer to manufacturers' guidance, trade guidance and British, European or Irish Standards etc.
5. Consider among other issues;
 - a. Internal transport – fork-lift trucks, cars, vans, trucks etc.
 - b. External transport – delivery vans, trucks, visitors' cars etc.
 - c. The positioning and security of and loads being moved within the workplace whether on a road going vehicle or internal works transport.
 - d. Doors opening onto roadways.
 - e. Vehicles and pedestrian segregation at doorways.
 - f. Vehicle and pedestrian segregation inside the workplace.
 - g. Excluding non-essential personnel from high risk areas.
 - h. Lighting.
 - i. Loading bays.
 - j. Reversing vehicles.
 - k. Use of high visibility clothing.
 - l. Supervision.
 - m. Training of Supervisors and workers.
6. Develop procedures, programmes and practices tailored to our workplace.

7. Make sure that Managers and Supervisors understand the procedures and arrangements. Consider whether they need any training.
8. Explain these arrangements to the workforce. Ensure they are understood and provide further training where necessary.
9. Implement the procedure and ensure that it is followed in practice.
10. Monitor and review the operation of this procedure from time to time and following any incident, or injury caused by workplace transport, making changes to the procedure identified as necessary or beneficial.

