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1.3 COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

The general Statement on this page sets out the Safety Policy of ABC Company Ltd.

It is this Company's intention that its work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions of the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations and any other applicable regulations from those implemented in 2007. All reasonable practicable measures will be taken to minimise risk to employees or others who may be affected by company activities.

Manager 2 has appointed Manager 1 as having responsibility for managing Health, Safety & Welfare. Reference should be made to Manager 1, in the event of any difficulty arising in the implementation of this policy. Manager 2 will have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the provisions of this Safety Statement are implemented.

The Success of the policy will depend on the co-operation of all employees. It is therefore important that you acquaint yourself with all areas of the Safety Statement. You should ensure that you understand your role and the overall arrangements for Health & Safety within the Company and within your individual area. You should also be aware that you have an obligation to take care of your own safety and that of others that might be affected by your actions.

Signed: _____
Manager 2

Date: _____

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2.1 MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM

The objective of the Safety Management System is to satisfy our legal responsibilities and to exercise greater control of health and safety within our organisation, to protect people and control the business.

Management points that may be measured:

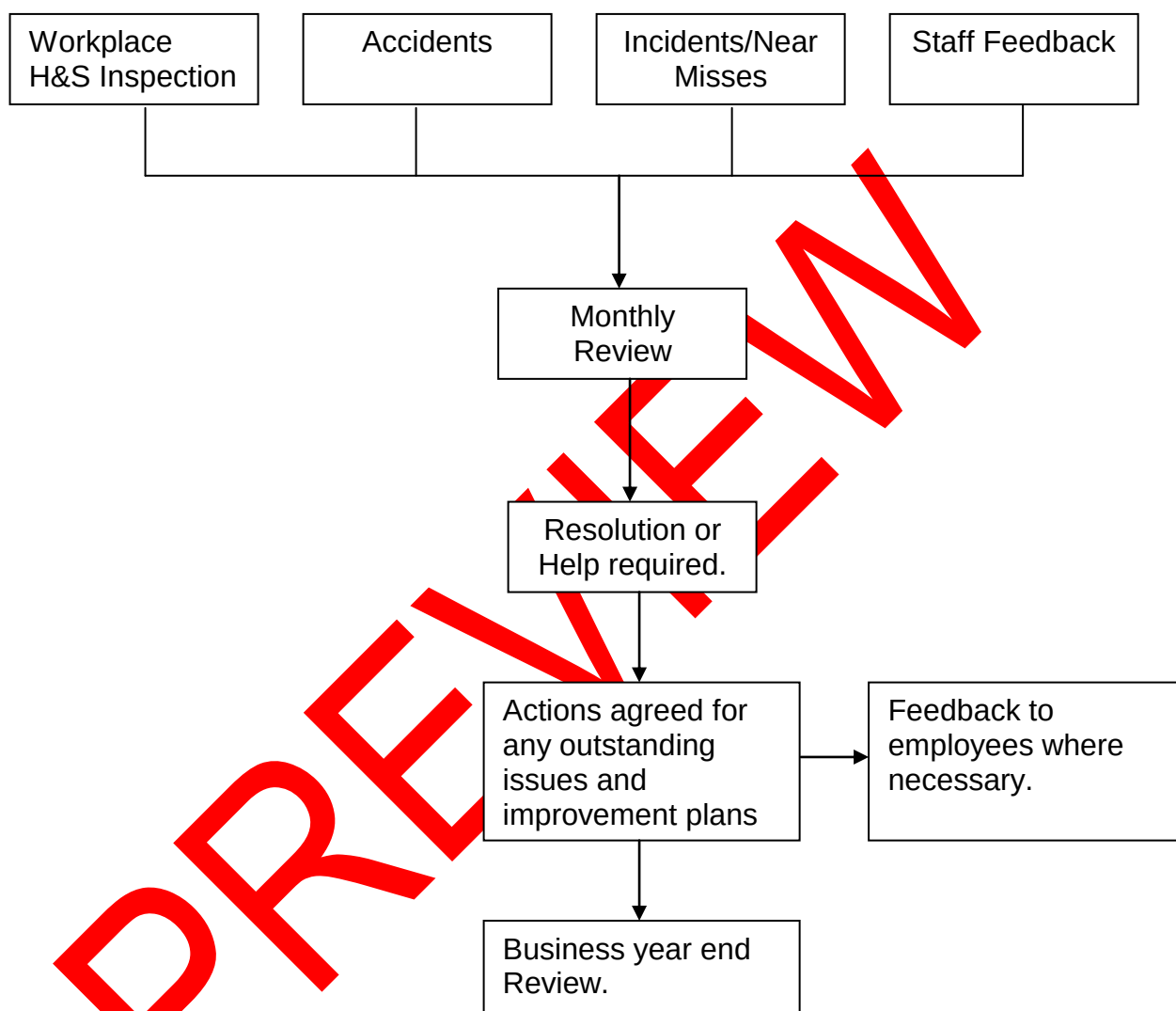
1. Workplace safety and housekeeping inspections
2. Staff suggestions and query forms
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4. Safety critical equipment maintenance records
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8. Safety Statement
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Records of all of the above points will be held within a Safety Management Folder. This folder is maintained by Manager 1.

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Health and Safety Management process for ABC Company Ltd

Process flow below indicates how Health and Safety issues and procedures are handled.



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2.2 Manager 2

- ❑ Manager 2 will be responsible for implementation of the procedures within the Safety Statement.
- ❑ Manager 2 bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively.
- ❑ Manager 2 is also responsible for ensuring that staff are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.
- ❑ Supervise the Company Health and Safety programme.
- ❑ Review all safety rules bi-annually and, when necessary, recommend suitable changes.
- ❑ Investigate all major accidents and damage to Company property and recommend action.
- ❑ Ensure that accident records are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that records of hazards/near miss reports are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that the systems for ensuring that fire precautions are adequate.
- ❑ The Health, Safety, and Welfare of all employees are not compromised when all other performance standards are set.
- ❑ That adequate funding is reserved to meet regulatory needs of safety and health.
- ❑ That management will lead by example in adhering to stated policies to achieve the Company's aim to reduce accidents and health exposures.

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2.3 Manager 1

- ❑ Regularly inspect the workplace to ensure that the programme is being complied with and make recommendations directly to all employees in matters concerning Health and Safety.
- ❑ Ensure the review of Health and safety at the Management meeting.
- ❑ Review the Staff suggestion and query forms weekly.
- ❑ Control Sub-contractor work on the premises. (when necessary)
- ❑ Supervise the Company Health and Safety programme.
- ❑ Get the assistance of all management in monitoring the effectiveness of the Company Safety Statement.
- ❑ Review all safety rules on a regular basis and, where necessary, recommend suitable changes.
- ❑ Assist in the induction and safety training of new employees.
- ❑ Inspect and maintain records of hazards/near miss reports.
- ❑ Monitor the systems for ensuring that fire precautions are adequate.

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- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to senior management.
- ❑ Commend Employees who by action or initiative eliminate hazards.

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2.6 OFFICE BASED STAFF

- ❑ Read and understand the Company's Safety Statement and carry out your work in accordance with its requirements.
- ❑ Do not try to use, repair, or maintain any office equipment or machinery for which you have not received full instructions or training.
- ❑ Report any defects in office equipment or machinery immediately.
- ❑ Know the location of the First Aid Box.
- ❑ Ensure that you know the procedure in the event of a fire.
- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to management.
- ❑ Ensure that corridors, office floors, doorways etc. are kept clear and free from obstruction.
- ❑ Do not attempt to lift or move, on your own, articles or materials so heavy as likely to cause injury.
- ❑ Do not attempt to reach articles on high shelves unless using steps or a properly designated hop-up: do not improvise or climb.
- ❑ Suggest ways of eliminating hazards and improving working methods.
- ❑ Do not smoke in designated "No Smoking" areas and dispose of spent matches, cigarette ends etc. properly.

Guidance on workstations for office workers

The Company believes that our present level of activity and use of Visual Display Units (VDUs) represents no health and safety hazards to its employees greater than any other electrical appliances including the danger of tripping over loose cables or possible electric shocks. Nevertheless, there are guidelines for users of VDUs and indeed all desk-related activities, which we commend to office staff e.g.

- ❑ Avoid slouching and keep the curve in the lower back.

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2.7 CONTRACTORS

The following responsibilities are allocated to contractors to whom ABC Company assigns work:

- All contractors must submit their Safety Policies and Insurances to ABC Company for approval prior to being awarded any works.
- All Contractors will be expected to prepare a Method Statement appropriate to the works they will be engaged in.
- All contractors will be expected to comply with the ABC Company Policy for Health, Safety and Welfare and must ensure that their own Company's policy is made available to the ABC Company whilst work is being carried out.
- All work must be carried out in accordance with relevant statutory provisions.
- All plant and equipment brought onto site by contractors must be safe and in good working order, fitted with any necessary guards and safety devices and with any necessary certificates available for checking.
- Any injury sustained by a contractor's employee must be reported immediately to management at ABC Company.
- Contractors must comply with any safety instructions given by ABC Company management.
- ABC Company must be notified of any material or substance brought onto the premises which has health, fire, or explosive risks. Such materials must be stored and used in accordance with current recommendations.
- ABC Company must see documentary clarification of contractor's insurance arrangements, which must be submitted and approved in writing.

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3.1 RESOURCES

ABC Company Ltd recognises that for the effective implementation of the safety procedures and policies laid down in this Safety Statement, adequate resources and funding must be made available.

ABC Company Ltd undertakes:

- To ensure that adequate numbers of suitably trained staff are available to undertake all work activities carried out by the company.
- To include health and safety considerations into all annual estimates for the running of the company.
- Undertake that in so far as is reasonably practicable resources shall be made available for any upgrading, maintenance, replacement and repair of facilities
- Undertake to provide resources for the ongoing monitoring of health and safety and for the provision of information and training of all staff in health and safety.

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3.3 TRAINING

HAZARDS

Inadequately trained staff are a hazard to themselves and their co-employees. ABC Company Ltd shall identify the training needs of their staff and ensure they are fulfilled.

It is the Policy of ABC Company Ltd that every employee will receive safety training on an ongoing basis. All new personnel will receive safety training as part of their induction. Staff training is not only concerned with imparting facts but also with notifying staff to face up to their responsibilities and to be equipped to deal with emergencies.

Training will include safety induction and safety awareness, manual handling training and First Aid training.

ABC Company Ltd will keep training records to include:

1. Name of the employee being trained.
2. Date of training.
3. Training details.
4. Signature of the trainer and employee to ensure that the training has been carried out, documented and understood.

Staff will be trained to spot and act on hazards and encouraged to consult with management on health and safety issues.

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3.5 SAFETY REPRESENTATION

In agreement with the 2005 Act the employees may select and appoint a person, to be called a Safety Representative, from their numbers at their place of work to represent them in consultations with ABC Company Ltd.

However, at the moment, it has not been necessary to elect a Safety Representative. As the company grows it is accepted that this position may change.

The rights of the Safety Representative include:

1. Information from the employer as necessary and particularly from the Safety Statement, to ensure the Safety Health and Welfare of employees.
2. To be informed by the employer of a visit by the H.S.A. Inspector.
3. Investigate accidents and dangerous occurrences provided it does not interfere with the performance of any statutory obligation required to be performed by any person.
4. Make representations to and receive advice from the H.S.A.
5. Carry out inspections and investigate hazards and complaints subject to agreement.
6. Accompany a H.S.A. Inspector on any visit except when this is for accident investigation.
7. Time off as may be reasonable to act as Safety Representative or to acquire the knowledge to carry out that function.

ABC Company Ltd will facilitate the Safety Representative in carrying out their functions as defined in the Act and as outlined above.

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The following contents are required in a first aid box:

- ❑ Card giving general first aid guidance.
- ❑ Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings.
- ❑ Sterile eye pads, with attachment, e.g. Standard Dressing No. 16 BPC.
- ❑ Triangular bandages (sterile).
- ❑ Safety pins.
- ❑ Blue Plasters
- ❑ A selection of Unmedicated wound dressings which should include:
 - ❑ Medium size sterile unmedicated dressings (approx. 10cm x 8cm, e.g. Standard Dressings Nos. 8 and 13 BPC).
 - ❑ Large size sterile unmedicated dressings (approx. 13cm x 9cm, e.g. Standard Dressings Nos. 9 and 14 BPC and the Ambulance Dressing No. 1).
 - ❑ Extra large sterile unmedicated dressing (approx. 28cm x 17.5cm, e.g. Ambulance Dressing No. 3).
- ❑ It is also recommended that a pair of latex gloves be included in each first aid kit for use by the first aider.

PROCEDURE & RECORD KEEPING

- ❑ In the event of an accident, a qualified first-aid person will be responsible for dispensing any first aid material.
- ❑ All issues of first aid consumables and the relevant treatment must be entered on the accident report form.
- ❑ The relevant trained first-aid person with Manager/Supervisor on duty will be responsible for completing the form.

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3.8 WELFARE FACILITIES

Adequate toilet facilities shall be provided and maintained in a good clean hygienic condition.

Adequate washing facilities and washing and drying materials/equipment shall be provided and maintained.

Arrangements for eating foodstuffs shall be provided in the form of a canteen/tea room facility on the premises.

An adequate supply of drinking water shall be provided on the premises.

Adequate cloakroom facilities shall be provided for the storage of wet coats, etc.

Safe access and egress shall be maintained at all times.

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3.10 SMOKING POLICY

The Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Act 2004 became law on Monday 29th March 2004. This means that smoking will not be permitted in any enclosed workplace.

In order to comply with the above legislation and for other Safety and Health reasons, it is the policy of ABC Company Ltd that all of our work areas are smoke free. The Organisation recognises that all employees have a right to work in a smoke free environment. All staff have a legal obligation to comply with the legislation. Smoking is prohibited throughout the workplace with no exceptions. This policy applies to all employees, trainees, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors who enter the premises of ABC Company Ltd.

Implementation

The overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the occupier, manager or other person designated, for the time being, in charge of the workplace. All staff have an obligation to adhere to, and facilitate the implementation of this policy. All new and prospective employees, consultants and contractors shall be given a copy of the policy on hiring, recruitment/induction by the person in charge.

Infringements

Infringements of the No Smoking policy will be dealt with, in the first instance, under employee disciplinary procedures. Employees, trainees, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors who contravene the law prohibiting smoking in the workplace are also liable to prosecution.

Smoking cessation

Information on how to obtain help quitting smoking is available from the National Smokers Quitline on callsave 1850 201203 or the Health Promotion Department of local Health Boards.

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3.12 Bullying at Work Policy

ABC Company Ltd recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer to provide a safe and healthy working environment for employees. As part of the policy of maintaining good employer practice, ABC Company Ltd wishes to clearly state that bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

Bullying at work is defined as: 'Persistent criticism and personal abuse, both in public and in private which humiliates and demeans the individual, gradually eroding their sense of self. Bullying can be best described as repeated inappropriate behaviour, whether verbal, physical, or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment, which could reasonably be regarded as undermining the individual's right to dignity at work. An isolated incident of the behaviour described in this definition may be an affront to dignity at work, but as a once off incident is not considered to be bullying.

ABC Company Ltd will strive to ensure that all employees are free to perform, their work in an environment, which is free from threat, harassment and intimidation. All complaints of objectionable or offensive behaviour should be made to either Manager 1, Manager 2 or the Safety Representative.

Manager 2 gives the undertaking to investigate all complaints sensitively and will resolve locally, if possible, the source and cause of the bullying behaviour. If the circumstances warrant it, the Company will not be deterred in invoking the formal disciplinary / grievance procedures.

All employees are invited to strive in ensuring that our working environment remains a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES

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The formula to be used for conducting risk assessments, assessing the risk from observed infringements/hazards or after an Audit, is shown here. Very minor injuries should score 1 while very serious ones will score higher, personal judgement is needed here. Likewise with the likelihood, 1 is very unlikely that anybody would be exposed to the hazard, while 7 means definite exposure to the hazard. Again personal judgement is needed.

Once the two scores are agreed they should be multiplied, thus giving a risk rating between 1 and 42.

Scores:

1-6 = Very Low risk

7-12 = Low Risk

13-18 = Low to Medium Risk

19-24 = Medium risk

25-30 = Medium to High Risk

31-36 = High Risk, stop the activity and implement immediate controls.

Over 36 = Very high Risk, stop the activity and implement immediate controls.

Risk Calculation Matrix

	How likely is an injury						
How serious will the injury be	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Notes:

Hazards = Things that can cause and injury.

Risk = The likelihood of an injury happening.

- Risk Control measures are intended to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
 - Where practicable the Company commits itself to the elimination of hazards, whether that is by the provision of access arrangements, machine guarding or the provision of special tools etc.
- This approach will take into account normal good practice within this sector of industry and the standards and guidelines where these are available.

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- (g) The provision of assistance to the fire authorities.
- (h) The maintenance of good housekeeping practice to ensure the removal of all combustible rubbish.
- (i) The testing and maintenance of portable heating appliances, and ensuring that all electrical equipment is switched off and unplugged when not in use.

4.2.1 FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The purpose of portable fire fighting equipment is as follows:

1. Extinguish incipient fires
2. Protect means of escape in case of fire
3. Protect employees and visitors
4. Protect property.

Portable Fire Extinguishers

Portable fire extinguishers will be provided in sufficient numbers to give adequate cover as per the advice of our Fire Protection Company.

Action in the event of fire

1. Clear everyone from the immediate vicinity of the fire except those actually authorised to engage in fire fighting.
2. Alert other staff in the immediate area of the fire. Contact the Fire Brigade, giving them the address clearly and any other directions necessary. Advise the Client Manager or Deputy pending arrival of the Fire Brigade.
3. If there is no danger by doing so, try to put out the fire with the apparatus provided, but remember our equipment will only be effective on a small fire - you must catch it before it gets hold.
4. Use the break glass fire alarm.
5. The manager of the area will order evacuation of the building as soon as it becomes apparent that the fire or smoke is spreading.
6. Employees should not delay their departure to collect personal belongings from another part of the building and should

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4.3 ACCESS AND EGRESS

HAZARDS

Inadequate access and egress facilities can result in:

- Restriction of an orderly evacuation of the premises
- Trips and falls
- Obstruction of emergency exits

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Visual inspection of all stairs, escalators, doorways and other access points will be carried out before start of business each day and throughout the working day as needed.

All doors and access points shall be kept clear and maintained.

All escalators, travelators, lifts will be serviced and inspected as per the statutory regulations by an external contractor.

All passageways shall be kept clear of obstruction.

All floor covering and surfaces shall be kept clean and in good condition.

Adequate lighting shall be provided at all entry, exit points and along corridor and passageways.

Waste shall be removed regularly and systematically stored in a secure place until collected for disposal.

It is vital that all fire escape routes are not obstructed at any time.

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4.5 MANUAL HANDLING

HAZARDS

- Incorrect method of lifting
- Attempting to lift something which is too heavy
- Lifting sharp/awkward shapes

The main injuries associated with manual handling and lifting are:

- Back strain, slipped disc.
- Hernias.
- Lacerations, crushing of hands or fingers.
- R.S.I.
- Bruised or broken toes or feet.
- Various sprains, strains, etc.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Loads which must be manually handled shall be assessed on the basis of their risk to health and safety and due caution exercised where there is a risk of back injury etc. The method of handling shall take account of the size, weight, shape, condition and position of the load to be handled.

Where possible measures shall be taken to reduce the amount of manual handling to a minimum and mechanical handling devices supplied and used in so far as is reasonably practicable.

All appropriate staff shall be trained in safe manual handling techniques.

Where loads have to be manually handled, safe access shall be assured.

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placed forward, the same hand is extended, the other hand is kept close to the body. This position ensures that the elbows are into the sides. This coupled with the correct foot position ensures a safe and easy fit.

d) Arms close to the Body

The further the weight is away from the centre line of gravity of the lifter, the greater the strain. At all times get close to the weight and try to make it part of you.

e) The Hold

When grasping a weight, one often hears the phrase "get a good hold". A good hold means a grasp with the roots of the fingers, not just the tips, plus contact of the weight with the palm of the hand.

Never forget that size and build has no bearing upon the amount any one individual can lift. Everyone should know their own capabilities and should never attempt to exceed them. If in doubt get help, it is far better to be safe than sorry.

Besides these key factors, there are other important points to remember.

2. Centre Line of Gravity

It is essential that the weight of object and the centre line of gravity of the lifter should be as close as possible to one another. This reduces strain, discomfort and the likelihood of loss of balance during the course of the lift.

3. Testing the Weight

When in the initial position for the lift, the lifter should test the weight of the object to make sure it is within his capability and not too heavy for one man to lift. Many accidents happen when a person raises an object a few inches off the floor, realises it is too heavy and lets go.

4. The shape of the weight

Note the shape of the object. It should be turned, if possible, so that the shortest measurement of rectangle is nearer to the centre line of gravity.

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4.6 ELECTRICITY

Set out below are the general controls for the company.

HAZARDS

- Electric Shock
- Fire
- Trips or falls from loose cables

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

To ensure that all electrical equipment used by the company is in safe condition.

CONTROL MEASURES

- All new electrical installations and all extensions are tested and certified as safe, by a competent qualified electrician
- Electrical installations are checked regularly by a competent qualified electrician
- Testing, certifying and repairs are carried out in accordance with appropriate Electro Technical Council of Ireland (E.T.C.I.) standards
- Enclosures/covers are in place to prevent contact with live electrical equipment/parts
- Damaged extension leads are repaired or removed from use
- Means of cutting off power to electrical installations and equipment e.g. fuses, trip switches, are provided and employees are aware of their locations
- Work on live electrical equipment is avoided where reasonably practicable
- Fire extinguishers that are suitable for fighting electrical fires are provided
- All circuits supplying socket outlets are protected by a Residual Current Device (RCD)
- Operation of the RCD is tested regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Where electrical portable appliances are subject to ongoing wear and tear, they are inspected and tested
- Any scorch marks associated with an electrical appliance or electrical wiring is checked urgently by a competent person

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4.7 OFFICES

HAZARDS

- While office work may not be considered as a high-risk activity unsafe work systems and layout may result in injury or illness.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Adequate office space is allocated for the working personnel.
- All furniture, fittings and equipment shall be arranged so that staff can move about without collision with sharp corners of desks etc.
- Only one drawer of a filing cabinet shall be opened at any one time. All drawers should be closed after use.
- Sufficient lighting and ventilation shall be provided.
- Electric or telephone cables shall not trail unprotected across the floor. Cable covers shall be supplied and used.
- Chairs desks or drawer should never be used to access higher areas. Step ladders shall be used.
- All items stored above head level shall be stored properly to prevent falling.
- The mains power supply shall be disconnected before attempting to move electrical equipment.
- All damaged floor covering, furniture equipment or machinery shall be reported, replaced, or repaired.
- Before using chemicals (e.g. photocopier toners) read the instructions on the container and avoid contact with skin or clothing.
- Floor areas shall be kept clear of materials and litter.

Dangerous waste e.g. broken glass, bulbs, shall be properly disposed of.

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CONTROL MEASURES

- Each workstation shall be assessed to ensure the individual's health is not likely to be put at risk.
- The Display Screen Assessment sheet in the appendix shall be used for this purpose.
- Be sure that VDU screens meet the appropriate criteria for performance, brilliance, character design, etc.
- The intensity of the beam, the brightness of the dots against the background and their time persistence are the most important determinants of operator 'safety'.
- This underlines the importance of keeping VDU's in good condition.
- It is important that chairs are correctly selected and used and that their siting is at an optimum distance from the machine.
- Lighting, ventilation and temperature must be carefully controlled to provide satisfactory environmental conditions.
- There should be a restriction on continuous use:
- Over two hours with pauses of between 5-10 minutes before further use.
- In this respect, short, frequent intervals are more beneficial than infrequent long breaks.
- The total time of continuous work at a VDU should be restricted to 6 hours per day.
- Vision should be tested before operating a VDU and at yearly intervals, or earlier if symptoms are experienced. Spectacle wearers should consult their optician.
- Epileptics should see a medical adviser before starting work.

If there is any untoward incidence of VDU related problems medical advice must be sought.

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4.10 Ladders

HAZARDS

Note: Ladders must only be used for short periods and only where there is no suitable alternative.

- Items falling from ladders
- Working from ladders
- Throwing waste material from ladders
- Overreaching
- Overbalancing
- Ladders Falling
- Falls from Ladders
- Defective Ladders

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Maintenance of ladders and folding step-ladders.

- Ladders are only used by ABC Company for short periods and only for accessing items stored on shelving etc. in the offices or removal of seasonal decorations and other similar activities.
- Ladders and folding step-ladders must be of good construction, of suitable and sound material and of adequate strength for the purpose for which it is used and must be properly maintained.
- Ladders must not be used if one or more rungs are missing or where one or more rungs are defective.
- Rung must be properly fixed to the stiles or sides.
- Rungs must not be supported solely on nails, spikes or other similar fixing.
- Timber ladders, and folding step ladders must not be painted or treated in such a way that defects cannot easily be seen.

Use of ladders and folding step-ladders

- Any part of a building or other structure used to support a ladder or folding step-ladder must be of sound material and sufficiently stable and sufficiently strong to give safe support.
- Ladders standing on a base (e.g. standing on the ground) must:
 - Be securely fixed

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4.11 Machinery, Equipment and Maintenance

Hazards

Entanglement
Electricity
In running nips
Etc.

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

In general the use of machinery and equipment in the Business is confined to low-risk items, which do not present any significant hazards.

However notwithstanding this the following precautions are taken.

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

CONTROL MEASURES

General

The following precautions are taken when using machinery and equipment.

- All guarding, safety devices (e.g. interlocks) must be in place and working properly at all times.
- All machinery and equipment must be used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.
- Machinery and equipment must be properly maintained and all faults to be reported and corrected immediately.

Maintenance

ABC Company recognises that there may be additional risks associated with maintenance activities, due to such factors as need to remove guarding, disable safety features such as interlocks, electrical safety issues, etc. In order to minimise the risks involved in maintenance activities, the Business takes the following actions.

- No maintenance is carried out by general staff, other than routine cleaning and similar activities which can be carried out without disassembling the equipment or disabling safety measures in any way.
- All maintenance is carried out by suitably capable and experienced staff or by outside suppliers.
- This competence includes:

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4.13 Noise and Sound System.

Hazards

Hearing loss or impairment

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Because of the nature of the business, there is a risk from noisy operations, the following control measures are in place:

- Excessive noise levels from sound systems are avoided
- Loudspeaker positions are arranged to avoid excessive sound levels for employees. Loudspeakers that are close to employees are individually controllable
- Employees are rotated between noisy and quieter duties

The Business will continue to monitor noise levels on an informal basis to ensure that noise levels remain as low as is practical, and should there be any significant increase in noise levels, appropriate formal monitoring and further action will be taken.

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4.15 Driving for work

Hazards

Other road users
Road traffic accidents
Driving conditions
Poor vehicle maintenance

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures:

- The use of vehicles is restricted to persons within the company who hold a current driving license of the appropriate class, and who are covered by the appropriate vehicle insurance.
- Vehicles must be driven at all times in accordance with the Road Traffic Acts.
- All drivers must remain within the statutory legal limits for drinking and driving.
- Drivers are responsible for carrying out checks on vehicles prior to use to ensure that they are in suitable condition for use. Defects must be reported and repaired.
- It is forbidden to carry passengers other than authorised company employees when driving on behalf of the Business.
- Vehicles must be parked in a safe location.
- All speed limits are to be adhered to when driving on public roads.
- Legal requirements for use of Mobile Phones must be adhered to.

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4.17 Violence and Aggression

Hazards

Physical assault

Physical injury

Verbal abuse

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures:

- Security arrangements and systems are in place and in working order
- Lone working is avoided where possible
- Secure cash handling systems are in place
- Training is provided to employees on how to deal with aggression, threats and robberies
- All incidents are recorded and reviewed
- Support facilities are available to employees in the event of an incident
- Procedures for cash handling and transit are in place
- Workplace is laid out to minimise vulnerable areas
- Physical barriers are provided where there is an increased threat of violence

General Advice and Controls:

Difficult customers and others such as members of the general public can expose staff to a risk of violence. The following steps are taken by the Business to minimise this risk.

It is the policy of ABC Company not to have staff working alone, except when this cannot be avoided. In general there will be at least two members of staff on hand at all times.

Staff are given the following guidelines in dealing with potential robbery and aggression/violence situations:

- Always keep aware of customers or other individuals who may become violent or threatening
- Never argue or otherwise engage with someone who shows signs of violence
- If someone becomes aggressive or violent, obtain assistance. Never attempt to get involved directly or to restrain the person.
- If attacked, withdraw from the confrontation if possible.
- If and when it is safe to do so, raise the alarm.

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4.18 CASH HANDLING

Hazards

Assault
Physical injury

Risks

Medium
Medium

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

4.18.1 Cash Movement Controls

1. Avoid letting large amounts of cash accumulate in the registers/drawers/etc.
2. Perform cash drops regularly depositing cash in safe.
3. Be careful when collecting cash from machines. Always watch behind you and be aware of people loitering in the area. If possible two colleagues should empty cash from machines together.

4.18.2 Cash Movement to and from the Bank

1. Minimise the risk to cash by making frequent lodgements.
2. Avoid, as far as possible, set patterns when making lodgements.
3. When cash is being moved in or out of the premises, ensure that the area is thoroughly checked and certain entry/exit points are secured to prevent the possibility of cash carriers being ambushed in the immediate vicinity. People involved in the movement of cash should be alert at all times and should anything arouse suspicion, they should contact the Gardai.
4. Lodgements of coin could be carried in a cash case and currency notes may be carried on the person.
5. Trips to the bank, where possible, should be made by car. Able-bodied persons should carry out this task – at least two such persons.
6. Precautions should begin with varying, as much as possible, the times and routes of such journeys.
7. Be discreet. Avoid the use of a telltale canvas bag that shows the thief you are carrying money, thus attracting them to

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4.18.5 Post Crime Action – Armed Raids and Personal Attacks

1. Contact the Gardai.
2. Lock door until the Gardai arrive.
3. Preserve the scene intact. Do not allow interference with places where fingerprints or footprints may be found.
4. Hold witnesses at the scene until the Gardai arrive, otherwise take details (name, address, telephone number) for contact later.
5. Identify if anyone has been injured. If so, note the type of injury. Call an ambulance if required.
6. Put in place any measures to prevent further injury.
7. Complete an incident/accident report form including:
 - Precise details of what happened.
 - Who was there (witnesses), include names, addresses and phone numbers of non staff members.
 - Detailed descriptions of the criminal(s).

4.18.6 Responding to Alarm Activations

1. On receiving the alarm notification contact the Gardai.
2. Do not approach the premises unless the Gardai are in attendance.

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4.21 Ventilation System

Hazards

Illness and sick building syndrome.

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures:

- All ventilation, heating and air conditioning systems are used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Only trained employees operate heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and operators manuals are available
- All boilers are examined as required by a competent person and reports of examination are kept
- Ventilation filter units are cleaned as part of general maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Accessible hot pipework is lagged as required
- Equipment is kept in good working order, reported defects are dealt with promptly and unsafe equipment is taken out of use

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Safety Statement Document Review

ABC COMPANY LTD

To ensure the proper implementation of our Safety Systems we shall review the Safety Statement periodically and at least annually.

Date of Review	Signed for Company	Description of Changes	Date of update

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A4. Display Screen assessment

Name:	Date:	Location
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No.	Check item	Yes	No	Comments
1	Is the display screen image clear?			
	Are the characters readable?			
	Is the image free of flicker or movement?			
	Are the brightness and/or contrast adjustable?			
	Does the screen swivel and tilt?			
	Is the screen free from glare and reflection?			
2	Is the key board comfortable?			
	Is the key board tiltable?			
	Can you find a comfortable keying position?			
	Is there enough space to rest hands in front of keyboard?			
	Is the keyboard glare free?			
	Are the characters on the keys easily readable?			
3	Does the furniture 'fit' the work and the user?			
	Is the work surface large enough for documents, monitor keyboard etc.?			
	Is the surface free of glare reflections?			
	Is the chair stable?			
	Can the chair be adjusted?			
	Do the adjustment mechanisms work?			
	Is your posture comfortable?			

PART 8 Related Policies

8.1 ABC Company Environmental Policy

ABC Company will seek to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and to minimise environmental pollution in all their activities and, where possible, by its influence over others. The objective will be to minimise the environmental impact of all operations.

Consideration will be given to substitution of polluting substances with "greener" alternatives wherever possible. Steps will be taken to minimise smoke, dust, noise, and vibration nuisance - the potential for which will be identified during the assessment process.

All waste disposals shall be carried out by registered carriers and removed to registered disposal sites. Documentation shall be held to demonstrate compliance with this. Wherever possible waste shall be recycled, reclaimed or reused.

Liquid pollutants will not be allowed to enter watercourses. All liquid storage will be bunded wherever there is a risk.

This policy will be enforced by managerial vigilance and shall be subject to regular auditing and review.

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