

COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

ABC Company

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1.1 APPLICATION

This Safety Statement has been developed to assist ABC Company Ltd comply with relevant H&S standards and to ensure that clients and employees are fully aware of ABC Company Ltd's commitment to high standards in H&S.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE SAFETY STATEMENT

To provide a reference for the policies and procedures used in house. It is also used to assess and audit the levels of health and safety being achieved.

To provide evidence that the policies and procedures to ensure health and safety objectives are met and have been thought out and documented in order to help those who must execute them.

To provide a control document to record the pertinent changes to the Company Safety Statement, which become necessary due to the changing business environment.

To help identify training requirements that needs to be fulfilled in order to generate suitably qualified personnel to carry out the policies and procedures contained within the document.

To provide assurance that compliance with legal requirements for health and safety are being met or exceeded.

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1.2 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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1.3 Policy Statement:

ABC Company Ltd is committed to, protecting the Safety, Health and Welfare of all employees at work, protecting the safety of others visiting the workplace, preventing property damage and ensuring its processes will not damage the environment. All reasonable and practicable steps to protect members of the public who may be affected either directly or indirectly by its activities will be followed.

All reasonable and practicable steps shall be taken through occupational risk assessment to ensure that workplace conditions, practices and procedures are safe and in compliance with relevant safety, health and welfare legislation.

All employees shall be adequately trained, supervised and equipped to carry out their duties and responsibilities in a safe manner, with all operating procedures clearly outlined. All employees will have access to the company's safety statement and should ensure that they are familiar with its content.

Where necessary employees shall be provided with suitable protective clothing, equipment and training where hazards cannot be eliminated using all reasonable practicable steps.

Accidents/incidents reported shall be investigated by ABC Company Ltd to determine the corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence.

This statement shall be revised as often as is necessitated by changes in legislation or the addition of new processes and equipment and all resources shall be provided to ensure its full implementation.

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STRUCTURE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

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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:

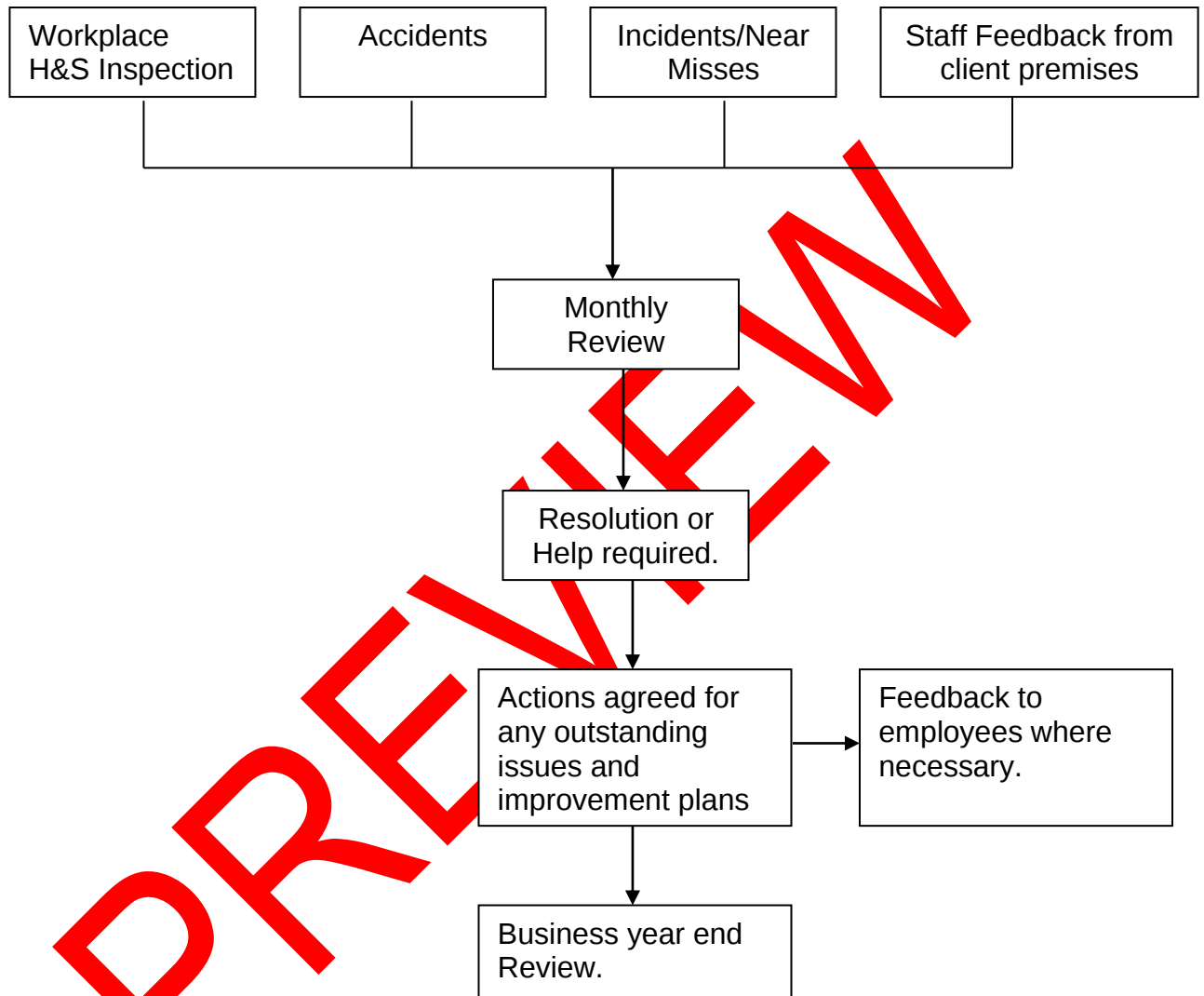
1. Workplace safety and housekeeping inspections
2. Staff suggestions and query forms
3. Induction and ongoing training
 - 3.1. First aid – as necessary
 - 3.2. Manual Handling – as necessary
 - 3.3. Safety Induction.
4. Safety critical equipment maintenance records
 - 4.1. Fire alarms
 - 4.2. Fire extinguishers
 - 4.3. First aid equipment
5. Fire drill records
6. Risk assessments
 - 6.1. Initial assessments from xx/xx/xx
 - 6.2. Annual reviews after xx/xx/xx
7. Monthly Safety review (part of general management meetings)
 - 7.1. Minutes
 - 7.2. Action points
 - 7.3. Outstanding issues resolved
8. Safety Statement
 - 8.1. Implementation on xx/xx/xx
 - 8.2. Annual reviews after xx/xx/xx
9. Annual report

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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2.4 Client Managers

ABC Company provide agency based staff to the general healthcare industry. Our employees are all experienced as care workers, nurses, healthcare assistants, etc.

Our Clients are responsible for the safety of our staff when on their premises and planned implementation of effective health and safety standards within their area of operation.

Clients and their Managers bear the responsibility for ensuring that our staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively and that their work targets are realistic and do not compromise health and safety requirements.

They are also responsible for ensuring that our staff are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ Ensure that all procedures are complied with for all new employees.
- ❑ Implement an efficient communication procedure so that all Personnel are aware of workplace standards as measured against the Company's Safety Policy and are provided with information on accidents and other safety, health and welfare information.
- ❑ Plan and co-ordinate safety training as necessary.
- ❑ Plan and supervise all work processes in a safe manner and in accordance with the standards set out in their Safety Statements and risk assessments.
- ❑ Ensure that all of our employees directly under their control are aware of their specific responsibilities.
- ❑ Provide assistance to staff in carrying out their responsibilities, particularly in determining the most appropriate order and methods of working.
- ❑ Allocate work in such a way that health and safety standards are not compromised.
- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to management at ABC Company.

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2.5 All Employees

- ❑ All Employees are to co-operate with client management in the wearing of the correct safety equipment, using the appropriate safety devices and following proper safe systems of work.
- ❑ All Employees are to co-operate in the investigation of accidents and the reporting of them to both ABC Company and the local client manager.
- ❑ All Employees will be encouraged to promote ideas on the improvements of health and safety standards and also provide suitable suggestions for reduction in risks.
- ❑ All Employees are forbidden to interfere with or misuse any specified items of safety equipment or any safety device.
- ❑ All Employees are required to take care of their own health and safety and they should not indulge in horseplay, wilful unsafe acts or carry out or play practical jokes on other employees.
- ❑ Employees found guilty of wilful unsafe acts may be liable to summary dismissal.
- ❑ Employees are advised that strict requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act can be used by the enforcing authorities against such persons if found guilty of reckless behaviour.
- ❑ All employees must clean up their working area or assist in tidying up thereof and also to help maintain clear passageways and maintain high standards of local housekeeping and hygiene.
- ❑ Do not smoke in designated "No Smoking" areas and dispose of spent matches, cigarette ends etc. properly.
- ❑ 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.

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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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- ❑ Adjust the seat's backrest to support the lower back.
- ❑ Sit right back in the chair to gain adequate support.
- ❑ Use a footrest if the seat is too high.
- ❑ Rest the upper body when the routine allows, try to vary your work pattern so that the body uses a different position every 20 minutes.
- ❑ Where screens are involved change the screen angle to suit the sitting height.
- ❑ Avoid locations where VDUs will pick up sunlight or reflections.
- ❑ Adjust the height of the seat until the forearms are horizontal with the desk.
- ❑ Align hands with forearms and work with straight wrists.

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2.7 CONTRACTORS (electricians, plumbers, etc.)

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.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAFE WORKING

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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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3.2 SAFETY INDUCTION

This procedure will be carried out by ABC Company Ltd at our premises and by the client manager at the work place where the new employee will be required to work.

Apart from explaining to the new employee what he/she will be required to do and to whom he/she will be directly responsible the following points require highlighting:

1. Show new employee where the Safety Statement is kept, explain its purpose and ensure that the employee is aware of his/her responsibility.
2. Advise new employee of any potentially dangerous areas in the work place.
3. Warn new employee of any prohibited actions in the work place, e.g. operating machinery unless authorised to do so.
4. The training and instruction required for each individual must be considered. The supervisor will arrange for specific training to be given to an employee.
5. Show new employee the location of the First Aid Box and explain the procedure in the event of an accident, in particular the necessity to record accidents, however trivial they may appear at the time.
6. Demonstrate to the new employee the fire and evacuation procedure and assembly points.
7. Instruct the staff member in relation to any job specific risk assessments.

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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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3.4 SAFETY CONSULTATION

Section 13 of the 2005 Act places a general obligation on ABC Company Ltd as employer to consult with and to take account of any representations made by the employees for the purpose of giving effect to its statutory duties.

Members of staff who have issues or problems on client premises should use this process to inform ABC Company of the problem.

To facilitate consultation on issues relating to the individuals safety at work, the company operates a Suggestion or Query form.

A folder of blank forms is held in the main office. Staff members complete a form as needed. The forms are reviewed on a weekly basis by Manager 1.

Manager 1 will seek more information as necessary from the relevant staff member and will then agree any actions arising from the Suggestions or Concerns if necessary.

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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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3.6 FIRST AID

CONTROL MEASURES

The first aid box should be suitably marked and easily accessible.

The exact location of the First Aid box must be known by all employees and a specific notice, identifying its whereabouts, must be posted to include names of qualified First Aiders.

It is the company's policy that First Aiders shall be appointed who have certificates of qualifications in Occupational First Aid to ensure adequate cover for all activities.

The first aid boxes are suitably marked and easily accessible. The location is follows;

- ❑ **Main Office Area**
- ❑ The First Aid Boxes is inspected on a weekly basis by Manager 1. This check and replenishment is recorded and kept on file.
- ❑ When employees are visiting at a Client or 3rd party premises, they shall seek the advice and assistance of the Client First Aider if necessary.
- ❑ It should be noted that First Aiders are not empowered to dispense analgesics, pills, or medications. Supplies of such items will not be in first aid boxes. Individual employees who believe they might have a need of these items must be responsible for their own supplies.

Names of First Aiders

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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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3.7 REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS, DISEASES AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

All accidents and dangerous occurrences must be reported.

❑ ***Accident report Form***

- ❑ The accident report form must be completed for all accidents. Copies of this form are available from Manager 1.

❑ ***Health & Safety Authority***

- ❑ If an accident occurs either at the place of work or related to a place of work or work activity and causes loss of life to a person who is employed by the Company or disables any person for more than three days from performing his/her normal duties of employment, then written notice must be given to the Health and Safety Authority by ABC Company Ltd. This will be done via the Accident Report section of www.hsa.ie
- ❑ If the accident is fatal, then the scene of the accident must be left undisturbed for three days after notice has been given, other than for rescue purposes.
- ❑ This notification will be carried out by the Client Manager.

CONTROL MEASURES

❑ ***All Accidents, near misses and Dangerous Occurrences***

- ❑ Management, in consultation with the First Aid person, will decide upon the immediate action required in the event of an accident. A medical opinion should be sought in all but the most trivial of injuries.

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3.8 WELFARE FACILITIES

The following is provided by ABC Company in our own premises and should be provided to our staff by clients in their own premises.

- 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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3.9 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ABC Company Ltd shall ensure that all employees use Personal Protective Equipment where required.

HAZARDS

- Physical Exposures
- Chemical Exposures
- Machine exposures

CONTROL MEASURES

All safety equipment purchased by the Company will be to approved standards.

ABC Company Ltd will ensure that adequate supplies of all the necessary protective clothing and equipment is available for issue as required and that when issued to employees, a signature is obtained for the equipment.

Management will inform any person in the workplace observed carrying out any procedures which require the use of protective clothing or equipment of both statutory and Company Policy requirements and such persons will be instructed not to continue working until protective clothing or equipment is obtained and used. This applies not only to all employees (including management) but also to contractors.

All PPE is signed for upon issue and replacement PPE may not be issued unless the damaged item has been returned for inspection.

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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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3.11 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY STATEMENT

ABC Company Ltd recognises that alcohol, drugs, or other substance abuse by individuals can have an adverse effect on their ability to perform work and consequently put themselves, the Company and others at significant risk.

All Employees, Contractors, Sub - Contractors and Visitors must be able to perform their duties whilst on company business, or when they are in Company premises/ work areas in such a manner that will not affect their safety or the safety of others by acts or omissions.

If the Company has reasonable grounds to suspect that an Employee or Contractor or Sub Contractor is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (illegal or misused legal substances), disciplinary action will be taken which may lead to dismissal of the individual concerned.

The possession, distribution or sale of drugs or any associated materials whilst you are on company property, company owned vehicles or other off site locations, will lead to disciplinary action being taken.

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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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3.13 Young persons and inexperienced workers policy

ABC Company Ltd does not employ inexperienced workers. ABC Company Ltd do not offer permanent work to any persons under the age of 18.

New employees who are experienced in their profession receive in-house induction training and spend an agreed period of time working with experienced staff.

Where ABC Company choose to offer work experience placements to school children (typically from transition year programmes) the Health and Safety requirements of the relevant school shall be followed. While on the premises these schoolchildren will be supervised at all times and shall not be asked to undertake any tasks for which they do not have suitable knowledge, skills and experience.

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4.14 Policy and Protection for Covid 19

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a new (novel) Coronavirus virus called Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. Current evidence suggests that the virus is significantly more infectious than the flu that circulates every winter.

Due to the significant Deaths, levels of Illness and disruption that this virus has caused, ABC Company have developed the following policy and Procedures for our employees, sub-contractors and any person affected by our activities.

Return to Work Process after a Shutdown

The Manager in charge of the process is:

The team supporting the process are:

The Worker Representative is:

All staff returning to work will receive an induction setting out the requirements of the plan and what they need to do.

All staff will complete the questionnaire/self-declaration.

Cleaning and hygiene to prevent contamination

In our own facility the following shall be adhered to:

Enhanced cleaning and sterilisation shall be in place across all:

- ✓ Taps and washing facilities
- ✓ Toilet flush and seats
- ✓ Door handles and push plates
- ✓ Handrails on staircases and corridors
- ✓ Lift controls and other control panels
- ✓ Desk phones and ancillary equipment
- ✓ Printer, copier and other similar control panels
- ✓ Food preparation and storage areas
- ✓ Rubbish collection and storage points/area
- ✓ Regular cleaning of all other welfare areas.

Hand sanitising stations have been set up in the lobby

Internal doors will remain open as will the doors to the actual office space on each floor.

Single occupancy in toilets and personnel lifts.

One-way system implemented at entrances, hallways, stairs and personnel lifts.

Tea stations reduced to Beverage and hot water only.

Disposable food grade gloves provided in tea stations

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Travelling to and From Work

If an employee is displaying any signs of Covid 19 or has been exposed to a confirmed case, they should not travel to work. Where possible, workers should travel alone in their own vehicle. If this is not possible then social distancing should be observed in vehicles.

If using public transport follow the guidelines and requirements of the service provider.

Good hygiene and hand washing

All personnel should follow this advice and encourage others to follow this advice as well.

Do wash your hands properly and often. Hands should be washed:

- ✓ after coughing or sneezing
- ✓ before and after eating
- ✓ before and after preparing food
- ✓ if you were in contact with someone who has a fever or respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing)
- ✓ before and after being on public transport if you must use it
- ✓ before and after being in a crowd (especially an indoor crowd) when you arrive and leave buildings including your home or anyone else's home
- ✓ before having a cigarette or vaping
- ✓ if your hands are dirty
- ✓ after toilet use
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- ✓ Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Don't:

- ✓ Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- ✓ Do not share objects that touch your mouth – for
- ✓ example, bottles, cups.

Disposable gloves

Do not wear disposable gloves in place of washing hands. The virus can get on gloves in the same way it gets on hands. Also, hands can become contaminated when gloves are taken off.

Disposable gloves are worn in medical settings. They are not as effective in daily life. Wearing disposable gloves can give a false sense of security.

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Face Masks

Based on current scientific evidence, the wearing of face coverings in general use, can reduce the transfer of the virus. The mandatory wearing of face coverings in certain public places is required.

We will observe the following with regard to face masks:

- ✓ While walking around the office and common areas (except where a person is sitting at a work station).
- ✓ Generally, in locations where social distancing is not possible
- ✓ Where a risk assessment shows that there is no adverse consequence to wearing a face covering

First aid and incident response for Covid 19

While Covid 19 is not necessarily an issue for First Aid. It is necessary that all our first aid trained staff are protected in the event that they need to treat a person at work.

The following equipment will be provided to the First Aid staff and they must use it for **ALL** events.

- ✓ Disposable gloves (nitrile/latex)
- ✓ FFP2 Face masks
- ✓ Disposable plastic aprons
- ✓ Enclosed eye protection

First Aid Responder must ensure that the mask covers both the mouth and nose and is fitted correctly to create an adequate seal to the face.

Following first aid treatment, disposable PPE and any waste should be disposed of appropriately and reusable PPE cleaned/disinfected thoroughly.

Wash hands thoroughly with warm water and soap before putting on and after taking off PPE.

Rules for Close Working

While Social Distancing will remain the rule for most work, occasionally it is necessary for two people to assist each other. In that event the following shall apply:

- ✓ No worker has symptoms of COVID-19.
- ✓ The close contact work cannot be avoided.
- ✓ A Close Work Permit shall be used.
- ✓ Prior to donning appropriate gloves, personnel shall wash / sanitise their hands thoroughly.

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Suspect Covid 19 case at work

If someone becomes unwell in the workplace with symptoms such as cough, fever, difficulty breathing, the unwell person should be removed to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If possible, find a room or area where they can be isolated behind a closed door, such as a staff office.

If it is possible to open a window, do so for ventilation.

Request individual to wear facemask to prevent contamination of area and close by personnel.

The individual who is unwell should call their doctor and should outline their current symptoms. Whilst they wait advice, ideally they should be in isolation or as a minimum remain at least 2 metres from other people. They should avoid touching people, surfaces and objects and be advised to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in a bag or pocket then throw the tissue in the bin. If they don't have any tissues available, they should cough and sneeze into the crook of their elbow. If they need to go to the bathroom whilst waiting for medical assistance, they should use a separate bathroom if available.

Closure of the workplace is not recommended.

The management team of the office or workplace will be contacted by the HSE to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and advise on any actions or precautions that should be taken.

A risk assessment of each setting will be undertaken by HSE with the lead responsible person. Advice on the management of staff and members of the public will be based on this assessment. The HSE will also be in contact with the case directly to advise on isolation and identifying other contacts and will be in touch with any contacts of the case to provide them with appropriate advice.

Confirmed Covid 19 case at work

If a confirmed case is identified in our workplace, the HSE will provide the relevant staff with advice.

These staff include:

- any employee in close face-to-face or touching contact

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- talking with or being coughed on for any length of time while the employee was symptomatic
- anyone who has cleaned up any bodily fluids
- close friendship groups or workgroups
- any employee living in the same household as a confirmed case

Contacts are not considered cases and if they are well, they are very unlikely to have spread the infection to others:

- those who have had close contact will be asked to stay at home for 14 days from the last time they had contact with the confirmed case and follow the home isolation information sheet.
- they will be actively followed up by the HSE
- if they develop new symptoms or their existing symptoms worsen within their 14-day observation period they should call their doctor for reassessment if they become unwell with cough and/or fever they will be tested for COVID-19
- if they are unwell at any time within their 14-day observation period and they test positive for COVID-19 they will become a confirmed case.
- Staff who have not had close contact with the original confirmed case do not need to take any precautions and can continue to attend work.

Return to work process after a confirm case of Covid 19

In the event of an employee either being a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 or a known "close contact" with a confirmed or suspected case, this protocol must be followed to ensure they are fit to return to work by means of self-declaration.

Fitness for Work should be considered from two perspectives:

1. Does their illness pose a risk to the individual themselves in performing their work duties?
2. Does their illness pose a risk to other individuals in the workplace?

An individual must only return to work if deemed fit to do so and upon approval of their medical advisor and having coordinated with their line manager/designated HR/employer contact.

When an individual is symptom-free and are deemed fit to return to work, the key criteria are:

1. 14 days since their last "close contact" with a confirmed/suspected case and have not developed symptoms in that time, or

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2. 14 days since the onset of their symptoms and 5 days since their last fever (high temperature), or
3. They have been advised by a GP / healthcare provider to return to work.

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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES

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4.1 HAZARD INSPECTIONS

The management of the Company recognises that its activities and premises may present Health and Safety risks and shall identify the areas where control measures are required. Identification of hazards shall be undertaken at regular intervals and management shall take all practicable control measures to reduce the risks to its staff and visitors.

Hazards will be identified, risk assessments made and categorised as per our risk assessment formula.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- ❑ The policy of the Company is to identify hazards in the place of work and to assess the risk to Safety and Health and to control risks as far as is practicable so that they are reduced to an acceptable level.
- ❑ "Hazard" is taken to mean "any substance, article, material or practice, which has the potential to cause harm to the Safety, Health or Welfare of employees at work."
- ❑ "Risk" is taken to mean "the potential for the hazard to cause harm in the actual circumstances of use."
- ❑ Risk Assessment is based on the linking of the probability of occurrence with the severity of loss and/or injury. In this exercise, risks are graded "High," "Medium" or "Low" and numerically rated using the formula below. This is to help with the giving of priority to the employment of controls and the allocation of resources.

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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 6 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 36.

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.

Risk Calculation Matrix

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

Notes:

Hazards = Things that can cause an 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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4.2 FIRE

FIRE HAZARDS

The fire safety arrangements for ABC Company Ltd are set out below.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

A Fire Safety Programme shall be developed when appropriate by management to:

- (a) Guard against an outbreak of fire
- (b) Ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the safety of persons (including members of the public) on the premises in the event of an outbreak of fire.

The Fire Safety Programme shall incorporate arrangements for:

- (a) The prevention of an outbreak of fire through the establishment of day to day fire prevention practices.
- (b) The instruction and training of staff to familiarise them with fire and emergency evacuation procedures, fire call points and use of fire fighting equipment.
- (c) Taking part in client fire and evacuation drills.
- (d) The provision and maintenance of escape routes, free from obstruction and all exits unlocked and operational.
- (e) The provision of adequate fire protection equipment and systems.
- (f) The inspection and maintenance of the fire protection equipment systems.

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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.
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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assemble at the designated assembly point so that they can be quickly accounted for.

7. Make sure that the building is cleared of employees and visitors. Close doors. See that no unauthorised person enters the building.

4.2.2 MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

It is essential that escape routes be established, clearly identified and maintained available for use and that the protection afforded them is not impaired in the operation of the premises.

No person shall obstruct a means of escape. Fire exit routes and doors must never be obstructed.

4.2.3 FIRE DRILL

Fire drills are undertaken twice per year. Records of the date of these drills are on the H&S asset. The drills are also reviewed at our Management meeting.

4.2.4 FIRE WARDEN NAMES

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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

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

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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4.4 HOUSEKEEPING

HAZARDS

Poor housekeeping can pose a wide variety of risks to health and safety.

- Trips:- Materials left lying in the open
- Slips:- On a greasy floors, slippery material strewn around
- Falls:- Use of materials for accessing higher work areas.
- Collisions:- Blockage of access aisles with materials
- Objects falling on people:- Improper stacking of materials
- Fire:- Inadequately and infrequent disposal of combustible rubbish.

Risk Assessment:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Staff will ensure that access routes are planned, and storage is programmed to ensure that excess materials are not stored on site, storage areas are defined, staff/sub-contractors are made aware of the Company requirements with regard to storage, clearing up and tidiness.

Employees must maintain the workplace in a tidy condition at all times.

Managers will ensure that stacking areas are prepared and that materials are stored so as not to create difficulties.

Employees will ensure that all waste materials in and around the premises are cleared and disposed of safely.

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4.5 MANUAL HANDLING

Clients will provide job specific manual handling training to staff.
Set out here are general control measures for information.

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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Precautions**1. Manual Lifting Procedure****1. The Lift**

The key factors in safe lifting are:

- a) balance
- b) position of back
- c) positioning of the arms and body
- d) the hold

a) Balance

Since balance depends essentially upon the position of the feet, they should be apart about hip breadth with one foot advanced, giving full balance sideways and forward without tension.

In taking up this position, lifting is done by bending at the knees instead of the hips and the muscles that are brought into use are those of the thigh and not the back.

b) Position of the Back

Straight - not necessarily vertical

The spine must be kept rigid and straight, but not necessarily vertical. The spine can be kept straight if it is within 15 to 20 degrees from the vertical. This, coupled with a bent knee position, allows the centre line of gravity of the body to be over the weight, so reducing strain.

c) Position of the Arms and Body

The further the arms are away from the side, the greater the strain on the shoulders, chest and back. The elbow must at all times be close to the body, arms should be straight when carrying a load. One hand

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should be in advance of the other, whichever foot is 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

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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.

5. Movement.

The movement should be controlled and smooth. The weight should be kept close to the body.

Rhythm plays an important part in reducing tension and creating relation.

Before moving any loads, the job should be sized up and possible hazards moved or rectified.

An inspection of the load itself must be made to ensure that it can be moved without danger to the lifter or others.

The following check list can be usefully applied to all lifting jobs:

- if the load is heavy or too large for one person to handle, help should be obtained from a work-mate of similar physique
- jerking a load will add a little extra force, but it will also cause severe strain to the arm, back and shoulder
- even if a load is light in weight, it is dangerous to carry if it is large enough to obscure vision
- loads should not be pushed onto stacks above chest level. If a stack is this high, stand on a sturdy platform
- if the load to be lifted exceeds half the weight of the person lifting it, it is more than likely that the individual will lose his/her balance.

Note: if in doubt when lifting **GET HELP.**

TRAINING

Any employee whose job involves any manual handling shall be trained to allow him/her to carry this out safely. The extent of the training will depend on the type of lifting in which they are involved.

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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

Dangerous or defective cabling should be replaced or remedied in accordance with the E.T.C.I.'s rules. It is important that all extensions, alterations and repairs to electrical circuits are carried out in a proper manner in accordance with E.T.C.I.'s rules.

WIRING STANDARDS

All new fixed and temporary wiring will be to the latest Irish standards and, where practicable, in compliance with the national rules for electrical installations.

Precautions to be included either are or will be as follows:

- All portable electrical equipment shall be tested annually by a competent person to ensure safety.
- Flexible cables will also be adequately protected against external mechanical damage.
- Flexible cables for portable equipment will be properly mechanically restrained within plugs and couplers.
- Enclosures, plugs etc. should be maintained as part of the portable appliance of which they form part, but damaged leads, plugs, etc. should not be allowed to remain in service should the equipment not be due for maintenance.
- A record should be kept of each item of equipment so that maintenance can be scheduled and recorded.

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- Where appropriate all equipment not in use to be switched off, especially at the end of a working, unless of a specialist type, e.g. servers, etc.
- Sufficient sockets shall be provided to prevent overloading by use of adapters. Proper plugs shall always be fitted to electrical appliances and flex firmly clamped.
- Frayed and damaged cables shall be replaced immediately.
- Flexible cables should not be run across floors. Where damage at floor level to other cables is possible, protection by ramps, conduit or armouring will be considered and applied.

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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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4.8 VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS (VDU'S)

HAZARDS

The main problems that may be associated with VDU's are as follows:

(a) Visual Discomfort

This recognises a contribution from a number of ocular problems:

- (1) long/short sight problems
- (2) glare
- (3) lighting
- (4) screen brightness
- (5) clarity of characters.

(b) Posture

Good adjustable seating is required and it is essential to consider ergonomic factors.

(c) Radiation

Radiation levels across virtually the whole of the electro-magnetic spectrum are below internationally accepted exposure limits when tested under extreme conditions, i.e. close to the screen.

(d) Stress

The work at a VDU can be repetitive and monotonous. This is not exclusive to VDU users as mental stress is associated with all types of work.

On the basis of available evidence, the 'health hazards' associated with VDU's are largely exaggerated in the sense that they are unlikely to cause irreversible long term damage as opposed to varying degrees of discomfort.

Risk Assessment:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

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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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4.9 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

HAZARDS

Health hazards from substances can be divided into the following categories:

- External contact - corrosive, skin absorption, dermatitis.
- Inhalation - gases, fumes, vapours.
- Ingestion - swallowing.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

General Precautions

Almost all chemical materials are potentially dangerous. Although they may find their way into day to day use, it is usually a very diluted or otherwise modified form. The following general rules should always apply:

- All substances are list in a file and copies of the Safety data Sheets are available.
- Chemical products must never be allowed to come into eye contact. Contact with skin and mucous membrane must likewise be avoided.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing supplied.
- Always observe good industrial hygiene practice.
- Do not swallow materials or use in areas where food is being consumed.
- Inhalation of chemical vapours or dust should be avoided. Adequate ventilation must be provided. Suitable respiratory protection will be provided if appropriate.
- Facilities for the washing and cleansing of the skin must be made available with the necessary cleansers and barrier creams.
- Store all products in ventilated areas away from extremes of temperatures and environment.
- Store any flammable substances in a locked flame proof cabinet.
- Clean all spillages instantly and dispose of waste and used containers properly.
- Except for transport in closed packages, only authorised personnel must handle materials.

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- Ensure the correct equipment for handling the products is available.
- If any person handling the materials shows the symptoms, which may possibly have been caused by exposure to chemical products, they should be removed from the area and medical advice sought without delay.
- Read the data sheet, container labels, and detailed health and safety information before using any products.

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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:

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- Be securely fixed
 - Near to its upper resting-place or, in the case of a vertical ladder near to its upper end
 - If this is not practical, the ladder must be securely fixed at or near to its lower end
 - If neither of these is practical, a person must be stationed at the foot of the ladder to prevent it from slipping
 - Have level and firm footing and must not stand on loose items such as bricks, boxes or other loose packing,
 - Be secured where necessary to prevent undue swaying or sagging

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4.11 Machinery, Equipment and Maintenance

Hazards

Entanglement
Electricity

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:
 - Appropriate knowledge of the machinery and equipment

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- Relevant health and safety requirements (in the case of suppliers, they are checked to ensure that they meet the appropriate requirements, and this is generally demonstrated by the availability of a safety statement).
- Outside suppliers are informed of any relevant health and safety information such as emergency evacuation procedures; any specific hazards on the premises, etc.
- All machinery must be completely returned to correct operational condition by maintenance personnel before it is put back into operation. Examples are: replacement of machine guarding, re-activation of interlocks, electrical protection devices, etc.

4.13 Noise

Risks Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Because of the nature of the business, there is no risk from noisy operations (i.e. no risk that the action levels of 80 dB(A) and 85 dB(A) will be exceeded).

However 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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4.14 Safety in client and other premises.

Hazards

Slips falls

Fire

House Keeping

Access and Egress

Risks Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Each individual client site may have additional hazards, over and above the hazards identified in this Safety Statement.

It is the responsibility of the person(s) in charge of the premises (or someone that they appoint) to provide information about all specific hazards on the premises, and the steps that must be taken to deal with these hazards.

For this reason it is essential to find out who is responsible for health and safety on the premises and contact them so that they can provide the required information.

Typical safety-related information could include:

- Any specific safety arrangements for those working on the premises;
- Location of toilets, washing facilities, eating (canteen) facilities;
- Fire and other emergency arrangements;
- Client contacts (e.g. safety personnel, first aid personnel, etc.)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements
- On receipt of this information, and/or based on an inspection of the site, the Manager 1 will:
 - Identify any additional safety measures that are required;
 - Communicate these measures to all appropriate staff;
 - Ensure that any required additional information, training, personal protective equipment, etc. are provided.

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4.15 Pregnancy and New Mothers

Risks Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures

Employees who are pregnant or breastfeeding will not be required to perform any duties which are likely to expose them or their unborn or breastfeeding child to any risk related to their pregnancy or breastfeeding.

A risk assessment will be carried out to assess if there is any additional risk.

If any additional risk is identified, suitable preventive measures will be taken to deal with the risk.

Examples of circumstances where a pregnant worker or their child could be exposed to additional risk include work involving:

- Shocks, vibration or movement
- Manual handling involving risks to the lower back
- Noise
- Ionising and non-ionising radiation
- Extremes of heat and cold
- Movements and postures, travelling, mental or physical fatigue, other physical burdens

Other potential risks as identified in the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (Pregnant Workers) Regulations.

Examples of suitable action when additional risks are identified are:

- Restrict the pregnant worker from carrying out the work;
- Adjust the working conditions on a temporary basis so that the risk is avoided;
- Re-allocate the worker to other work which does not entail risk to the worker or child;
- If the risk cannot be avoided by any other means, give the worker leave or additional maternity leave.
- Where additional risk to the pregnant worker or their child is identified, the worker will be informed of the risk and the steps to be taken to deal with the risk.

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4.16 Violence and Aggression

Hazards

Physical injury
Assault

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Difficult patients 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 patients 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.

Robbery/ Attempted Robbery

Robbery of cash and other valuable items can expose staff to a risk of violence. The following steps are taken by the Business to minimise this risk.

It is policy to put measures in place to minimise the risks to staff from robbery. These include:

- Minimising the quantities of cash and other valuable items held;
- Putting appropriate entry and security safeguards in place.
- Staff are given the following guidelines in dealing with potential robbery situations
- If a robbery is attempted, even by someone who appears to be unarmed:
- Do not offer any resistance, do not provoke the attacker
- Give the attacker whatever they demand
- If and when it is safe to do so, raise the alarm.

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PART 5**ANNUAL REPORT****ABC COMPANY****SAFETY STATEMENT**

The following is a report of progress with our Health and Safety Policy as required by Section 12(6) of the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

SAFETY TRAINING;

During the year, the following safety training courses were run:

- 1
- 2
- 3

External safety and health courses attended by our staff included:

- 1
- 2
- 3

NEW SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

The following new safety arrangements were put in place during the year:

- 1
- 2
- 3

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Safety Statement Document Review

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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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Part 6 Staff Sign Off

We the undersigned accept that:

- **We have been shown the Safety Statement,**
- **We know where it is to be kept for review,**
- **We will adhere to all safety rules as set out by ABC Company**
- **We will not act in any way that could be harmful to ourselves or any other person.**

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Accident Report Form

Location:	Department/Division:
Date of Accident/Incident:	Date of Review:
Management present:	
Injured Party:	

Nature of loss	Nature and extent of actual or potential loss to people, property, process or the environment
Description	Description of the Accident/Incident (who, what, how, when)
Causes	Why did the Accident/Incident occur, (root, basic and immediate causes)?
Recommendations	Action to prevent recurrence, responsibility & action by dates:
Reporting	Distribution of investigation information organisation wide and statutory reporting / reply:

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Staff Suggestion forms (Welfare and Concerns Register)

SECTION A: To be completed by staff member with suggestion

Staff Member Name: _____ **Position:** _____
Date: _____

Details of Suggestion:

SECTION B: to be completed by Manager 1

Action Taken:

Signature: _____

Date _____

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A4. Display Screen assessment (for use by office staff)

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?			

A5. Client Pre Placement Questionnaire:

This questionnaire is designed to provide ABC company with relevant Health and safety information for us to pass onto our staff before they are placed with a client.

1. Do you have current Employers Liability insurance? If yes, please provide name of broker/company.

2. Do you have a current Safety Statement? If yes where can our staff view it?

3. Do you have location/task specific risk assessments? If yes where can our staff view them?

4. Who are the main contacts (e.g. safety personnel, first aid personnel, etc.)

5. What are the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements and when are staff provided with same?

6. What initial training (induction) will be given to our staff?

7. Who should we contact with questions?

Thank you.
ABC Company

PART 8 Related Policies

8.1 ABC Company Environmental Policy Statement

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 it's 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.

8.2 ABC Company Equality Policy

ABC Company are an equal opportunities Employer & thus, as laid out in this policy, seek to comply with all legal regulations & directives with regard to dealing with individuals or groups in a fair & legal way.

It is the policy of ABC Company to deal (employ, pay, consult, interview, speak to, and write to etc.) with any person/s equally & with dignity Regardless of disposition:

- Gender
- Race
- Colour
- Creed (Religious Persuasion)
- Nationality
- Disability or Physical Impairment
- Financial Status

ABC Company, its Management and Staff must uphold & comply with this policy. Failure to comply with this policy could result in immediate disciplinary action & possible dismissal.

Should any person cause harm, harass, sexually harass or disadvantage any of the above because of their disposition, that person/s will be reported to the Authorities & will be dealt with on a legal basis.

It is the overall policy of this company to practice equality & to be fair to all.

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