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SAFETY STATEMENT

ABC Company

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1.1 APPLICATION

This Safety Statement has been developed to assist ABC Company comply with relevant H&S standards and to ensure that clients are fully aware of ABC Company'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 and at any Client sites. 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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1.3 COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

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

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, the Construction Regulations, the Working at Height 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.

ABC Company have appointed Manager 1 as having responsibility for managing Health, Safety & Welfare. Reference should be made to the 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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1.4 Policy Statement:

The Management of ABC Company is committed to, protecting the Safety, Health and Welfare of all employees at work, avoiding product loss, preventing property damage and ensuring its processes will not damage the environment. The company shall take all reasonable and practicable steps to protect members of the public who may be affected either directly or indirectly by its activities.

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.

It is our policy when purchasing raw materials, making process alterations, altering (by approval) existing equipment or changing a system of work; to study each proposed change to ensure that it is safe in so far as reasonably practicable.

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.

The company shall provide where necessary suitable protective clothing, equipment and training where hazards cannot be eliminated using all reasonable practicable steps.

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

Manager 2 and any sectional Manager shall implement this policy in all work areas and ensure that all managers and employees understand their responsibilities and cooperate with the implementation of this policy.

This statement shall be communicated throughout the organisation by consultation with the employees and 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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1.5 Revision to the Safety Statement

The table below is a record of all revisions made to the safety Statement

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COMPANY STRUCTURE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

PART 2

Detailed Responsibilities of Personnel carrying out functions of Part 3

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2.1 MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM

ABC Company is a specialist company working in the area of Stone and Marble Shaping, Engraving, Cleaning and Polishing. While we generally work on monuments and headstones, we are not restricted to this and can restore marble or stone of any type. Our clients range from Funeral Undertakers to commercial to domestic premises.

The Safety Policy is central to setting up an effective Safety Management System within a company. 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:

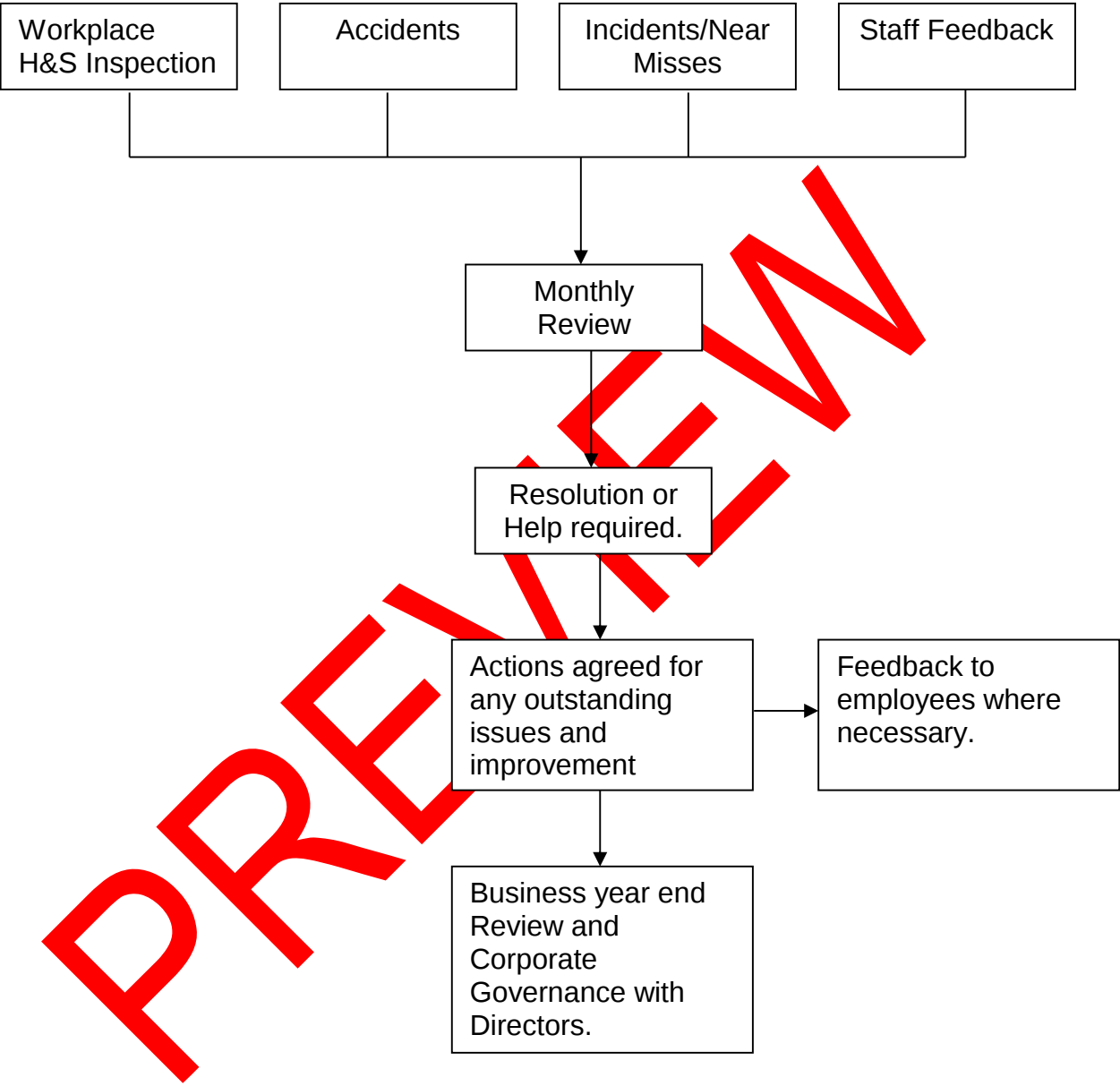
1. Workplace safety and housekeeping inspections
2. Staff suggestions and query forms
3. Induction and ongoing training
 - 3.1. First aid – as necessary
 - 3.2. Fire Warden/Marshall – as necessary
 - 3.3. Manual Handling – as necessary
 - 3.4. Working at Height/Ladders, etc.
 - 3.5. Chemical training by our chemical supplier
4. Safety critical equipment maintenance records
 - 4.1. Lifting equipment
 - 4.2. Vehicles
 - 4.3. Fire extinguishers
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
 - 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 Manager 2's report

Records of all of the above points will be held within the main Safety Management Folder. This folder is maintained by Manager 1.

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Health and Safety Management process for ABC Company

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



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Procedure for Workplace Inspections.

1. Result from previous inspection is filed for review at Monthly meeting, along with any issues that could not be resolved at the time.
2. Any issues requiring discussion are dealt with at the meeting and action points are put in place.
3. A senior employee or Manager 1 will carry out the Workplace Inspection.
4. Inspection is completed and given to the client Foreman (if necessary) by 2.30 pm that day if another employee was responsible.
5. The inspection has corrective actions that have been completed highlighted and any issues that could not be dealt with identified.
6. Any significant issues on the audit are immediately actioned by the Foreman (where necessary).
7. Any non urgent issues are held over until the monthly review and actioned as appropriate.
8. Manager 1 and Manager 2 will then review the performance of the company at the Monthly Review.

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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.
- ❑ 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 on a monthly basis.
- ❑ Review the Staff suggestion and query forms weekly.
- ❑ Control Sub-contractor work on the premises.
- ❑ 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 MANAGERS / SUPERVISORS

All Managers will be responsible for planned implementation of effective health and safety standards within their area of operation.

Managers bear the responsibility for ensuring that 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 staff reporting to them are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL MANAGERS

- ❑ 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 in liaison with the Manager 1 and check that it is effective.
- ❑ Plan and supervise all work processes in a safe manner and in accordance with the standards set out in the Safety Statement.
- ❑ Ensure that all employees directly under your 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.
- ❑ Where work is of a nature not normally carried out by the Company, then identify hazards and, if necessary, arrange for written instructions to be issued, regarding safety sequence, method of work and precaution to be taken, to the person in charge of the work.
- ❑ Allocate work in such a way that health and safety standards are not compromised.
- ❑ 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 senior management.
- ❑ Commend Employees who by action or initiative eliminate hazards.

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2.5 All Employees

- ❑ All Employees are to co-operate with 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 and also the reporting to their supervisors of any local hazards of which they become aware.
- ❑ 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.

2.6 OFFICE BASED STAFF

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- ❑ 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.
- ❑ Adjust the seat's backrest to support the lower back.

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- ❑ 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 (Generally used when ABC Company engage sub-contractors on their behalf).

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

- 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.
- Where Appropriate no contractor may be allowed to commence work on a client site prior to being issued a Permit to Work by the Client.
- 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 and the Client whilst work is being carried out.
- All work must be carried out in accordance with relevant statutory provisions, the Company's Contractor's Rules and taking into account the safety of others on the Client site.
- All staff sent to work at a Client site by a contractor must have received appropriate health and safety training from their employer. They must also have access to relevant Risk Assessments and method statements as necessary.
- Scaffolding and other access equipment used by contractors' employees must be erected and maintained in accordance with Regulations and Codes of Practice.
- 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.
- No power tools or electrical equipment of greater voltage than 110 volts should be brought onto site. All transformers, generators, extension leads, plugs, and sockets must be suitable for industrial use and in good condition. If it is necessary to use equipment operating from a 240-volt supply, a residual current device with a rated tripping current of 30 mA and operating 30-m secs must be used.

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- Any injury sustained by a contractor's employee must be reported immediately to management at ABC Company and the Client's H&S Manager.
- 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 Client site which has health, fire, or explosive risks. Such materials must be stored and used in accordance with current recommendations.
- Contractors must take all reasonable steps to avoid interference by mobile plant.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAFE WORKING

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3.1 RESOURCES

The management of ABC Company 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.

The Management of ABC Company undertake:

- 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 the manager of the work place where the new employee will be required to work, or by the Safety Manager of the site to be worked in.

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 client's work place.
3. Warn new employee of any prohibited actions or areas 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. Manager 1 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 at the client premises.
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. The management at ABC Company shall identify the training needs of their staff and ensure they are fulfilled.

It is the Policy of ABC Company 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.

All the safety training received will be monitored and updated by the Manager 2. This training will be recorded and tracked.

ABC Company 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 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.

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 general 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 with Manager 2 if necessary.

3.4.1 SAFETY COMMITTEE

ABC Company have a Safety Committee on site. The members of the Safety Committee are Manager 1, Manager 2 and an Employee Representative. The committee meet on the first Monday of every month. The following is the agenda for each meeting:

- Review previous month's inspections.
- Review any reported accidents or incidents from the previous month.
- Review any suggestions or queries from staff.
- Plan a safety topic briefing for the coming month.
- Review any new safety guidelines/legislation that ABC Company have been made aware of.
- Post the minutes on the Staff Notice Board.

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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.

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

Currently the staff have not elected a representative, if they do so in the future the position will be recognised by the company. After that time, all representations by the Safety Rep must be made to the company via the Foreman.

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3.6 FIRST AID

CONTROL MEASURES

In most situations we will make use of the First Aid facilities at the client's premises. We will also make arrangements with the Client to allow their first aiders treat our staff if necessary.

All supervisors will have first aid kit in their vehicles.

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;

- ☐ General office
- ☐ Vehicles
- ☐ The First Aid Boxes is inspected on a weekly basis by the driver. This check and replenishment is recorded and kept on file.
- ☐ 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. This policy shall not be activated until there is a suitable number of employees at a fixed location.
- ☐ When employees are carrying out an installation at a Client 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.

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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 Manager 1.
 - ❑ 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.

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 Client's Site Management will ensure that adequate welfare facilities are provided on the premises for all personnel.

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. at the installation location.

When working in domestic premises, the provision of facilities is at the discretion of the householder. In the unlikely event that the householder does not wish us to use the toilet and other facilities we will identify a nearby facility such as a hotel, bar or restaurant where facilities can be easily accessed.

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3.9 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ABC Company 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 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.

Currently we use:

- Masks to reduce exposure to dust and fumes in confined spaces.
- Over shoes to prevent slipping and tarnishing of floors. Safety boots are NOT required.
- Latex Gloves to protect skin on the hands.

3.10 PERMIT TO WORK SYSTEM

ABC Company personnel will complete site permits as required by the clients Site Safety Manager.

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3.11 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 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. All ABC Company employees will adhere to the controls in place at the client's place of work.

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.

The person in charge for the Client site is Client H&S Manager. He/She shall inform all existing employees, trainees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in its implementation. 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 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY STATEMENT

ABC Company 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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3.13 Bullying at Work Policy

ABC Company management recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer to provide a safe and healthy working environment for our employees. As part of our policy of maintaining good employer practice Manager 2 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 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 Manager 1, Manager 2 or the Safety Representative.

ABC Company gives the undertaking that it will 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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3.14 Young persons and inexperienced workers policy

ABC Company does not employ Apprentices. ABC Company does not employ inexperienced workers. ABC Company do not offer work experience places to local schools, colleges, etc.

New employees receive in-house induction training and spend an agreed period of time with a supervisor.

All employees on cleaning teams are subject to specific client inductions by the relevant client managers or safety managers.

Cleaning crews are supervised at all times by an experienced supervisor.

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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 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 an injury.

Risk = The likelihood of an injury happening.

☐ Risk Control.

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

As ABC Company generally work on other peoples premises/sites, the Fire and Emergency plan for the Client site will be followed by the ABC Company employees. However, in general, the fire safety arrangements for ABC Company 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) The holding of 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 electrical installations, prohibition of portable heating appliances, and ensuring that all electrical equipment is switched off and unplugged when not in use.

A fire safety register will be maintained by the Company.

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 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.

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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 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 ALARM SYSTEM

The following details shall be entered in a log book:

- (a) Causes of all alarms (genuine, practice, test etc.)
- (b) Any faults which develop
- (c) Any period of disconnection
- (d) Nature of work (inspection, maintenance or test)
- (e) Any further action required
- (f) Name of person responsible.

4.2.4 FIRE DRILL

A fire drill shall be undertaken at least twice per year. ABC Company staff will participate in the running of any fire drills take place on client premises/sites while we are there.

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4.3 ACCESS AND EGRESS

HAZARDS

ABC Company staff will adhere to all rules regarding access and egress on the Client Site. However, set out below are the general arrangements for the company.

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

Supervisors 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

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 should be in advance of the other, whichever foot is

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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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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

ABC Company employees will adhere to the controls that are put in place by the safety manager for the Client site. 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 =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Dangerous or defective cabling should be replaced or remedied in accordance with the E.T.C.I.'s rules.
- 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.
- Flexible cables will also be adequately protected against external mechanical damage.

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- Flexible cables for portable equipment will be properly mechanically restrained within plugs and couplers.
- A record should be kept of each item of equipment so that maintenance can be scheduled and recorded.
- 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

No hazardous substances are expected to be used on the Client site. All cleaning and polishing chemicals used by us are of a generally benign nature as they are designed not to damage the Stone. However, the general controls below shall be implemented if necessary.

In the Appendix to this Safety Statement is the Specific Risk Assessment and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the acid based Polishing Powders/Resin Filler and the resin fillers.

All cleaners and sealers are water based and non hazardous.

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 =

CONTROL MEASURES

- ☐ Long-handled mops/brushes, and appropriate gloves, provided and staff trained in their use for pre cleaning activities before the application of the Polishing Powders/Resin Filler.
- ☐ All staff trained in the risks, use and storage of cleaning and polishing chemicals and wear personal protective equipment as instructed.
- ☐ Pre Cleaning chemicals marked 'irritant' substituted, where possible, for milder alternatives.
- ☐ Staff reminded to report any health problems they think may come from cleaning, and to check for dry, red or itchy skin on their hands.
- ☐ The Workplace Supervisor will ensure that:
 - ☐ All substances are listed in a chemical register.
 - ☐ All substances have an up to date Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on file.
 - ☐ The control measures listed in the MSDS are followed.

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- ❑ A written assessment, control measures and other information are on site.
- ❑ Procedures planned to handle or use any hazardous substance or process are carried out fully.
- ❑ Any, equipment, hygiene measures or protective clothing are provided and maintained as required.
- ❑ All measures necessary to protect other workers and the general public from any substance hazardous to health will be provided and maintained.

Guidance to staff: Always follow carefully any instructions and training information given in the use of Polishing Powders/Resin Filler and cleaning chemicals.

- ❑ When handling substances, especially concentrates (if unavoidable), always wear the protective clothing provided, eg rubber gloves.
- ❑ If there is any danger of splashing, wear eye protection suitable for splash risks, eg goggles or visors, and ensure an eyewash bottle is available.
- ❑ Check that gloves are free from holes, tears or thin patches. If any of these faults are present ask for replacements immediately.
- ❑ Tell your supervisor if you experience any irritation or allergy from gloves you have used.
- ❑ Never mix cleaning and polishing chemicals.
- ❑ When diluting pre cleaning chemicals always add the concentrated liquid to water, not the water to the concentrate.
- ❑ If cleaning chemicals are accidentally splashed onto your skin or eyes, always wash away with plenty of water. Seek medical advice if irritation persists and tell your supervisor.
- ❑ Avoid lifting and pouring from heavy or awkward bulk containers, minimise handling by use of syphons, pumps etc.
- ❑ If you are dispensing powders, always use a scoop; never use your hand.
- ❑ Never transfer cleaning chemicals into food or drink containers where they can easily be mistaken for foodstuffs.
- ❑ Ensure spray bottles and other containers are clearly marked with their contents.
- ❑ Only use cleaning chemicals in well-ventilated areas. Sometimes an open window will be enough.
- ❑ Occasionally the Stone cleaning work involves being in confined spaces, when this is the case a specific assessment will be carried out as per the form in the Appendix.
- ❑ Always clean up any spills immediately.

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- ❑ Always store chemicals as manufacturers advise, for example away from heat, sunlight, foodstuffs and members of the public, especially children.
- ❑ Ensure chemicals are disposed of properly, as instructed by your employer following the information given in the safety data sheet.
- ❑ Let your supervisor know immediately if you experience any adverse reactions to substances, for example headaches, nausea, skin complaints.

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4.10 General Polishing and Cleaning Work

HAZARDS

- Multi hazard

Risks Identified:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Slips trips and falls
 - o The right cleaning equipment is used for the right job, and staff follow safe systems of work.
 - o Staff monitor entrances for wet floor surfaces walked in.
 - o Warning cones placed around work area, and removed as soon as area is clear and floor dried.
 - o Staff do not leave polishing materials/equipment unattended.
 - o Polishing of stairs done outside of trading/working hours.
 - o Most polishing machines used have no trailing cables; for machines with cables, staff use socket nearest to where they are working and put out hazard cones.
 - o All areas well lit.
- Chemicals
 - o See section on Hazardous Substances.
- Manual Handling and MSD
 - o All staff trained in lifting safely, and follow safe systems of work.
 - o All staff using polishing machines trained in their use, according to manufacturers' instructions.
 - o Polishing machines stored near point of use.
 - o Staff using hand held polishers advised to take breaks and change hands to avoid any problems with vibration.
- Polishing machines
 - o Diamond/Resin discs are used under standard polishing machines, staff trained in safe use and replacing of discs.
 - o Machines are slow speed, scrubbers, polishers and hand polishers.
 - o Machines provided are the right ones for the job.
 - o Staff trained in the safe use of machines.
 - o Pre-use checks done for damaged plugs, cables and on/off switches.

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- o Machines regularly examined and maintained by competent person.
- Verbal abuse (public areas)
 - o Staff trained in dealing with difficult and/or confrontational situations.
 - o Staff issued with means of two-way communication, supervisor checks welfare periodically.
 - o Staff trained to make supervisor aware when they are working in a remote location.
 - o Staff report all instances of abuse.

4.10.1 Sandblasting

HAZARDS

Air borne dust
Silica Sand

Risks Assessment:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Slips trips and falls
- All sandblasting equipment is properly designed and regularly inspected, employees must always be alert to the hazards of these operations and take precautions against harmful exposures.
- When working with Silica sand, employees must wear a positive pressure or pressure demand respirator with an assigned protection factor (APF) of either 1000 or 2000.
- Silica must be contained and disposed of properly.
- Dust is nearly always created at any point where abrasives are transferred, whether by hand or shovel. Therefore, all points of transfer must be properly ventilated and employees who handle abrasives manually should wear particulate filter respirators.
- Even if a wet blasting method is selected, silica that is allowed to migrate by either wind or water, will eventually become an airborne contaminant.
- Air-supplied respirators must be used when using portable units in areas without enclosure.
- If airline respirators and compressors are used, make sure the intake hose is placed in an area that provides clean air. An employee should be in the area at all times, monitoring breathing air and assuring the blaster's safety.

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- Additional personal protective equipment:
 - o Blasting operations create high noise levels, so hearing protection must be worn.
 - o Employees should also use heavy canvas or leather gloves, aprons, or leggings when appropriate, as well as safety shoes.

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4.11 Driving for work (Company vehicles)

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Risks Identified: Medium

- Personal Injury from inadequate maintenance / Checks on Company Vehicles
- Damage to property from inadequate maintenance / Checks on vehicles

DESCRIPTION

Use of the company vehicles to make deliveries or collections of parts, etc.

Five main hazards are addressed under the risk assessment: Road Traffic Accident, Manual Handling, Wheel Change, Mobile Phones and Vehicle Maintenance.

HAZARDS

1. Road Traffic Accident – Injury due to collision

RISK ASSESMENT: Medium

CONTROL MEASURES

- Only suitably qualified and insured employees may operate company vehicles.
- They must always be driven within the rules of the road and the law.
- They must have a recorded and scheduled programme of maintenance, and must hold DOE certificates as necessary.
- No hitchhikers may be picked up at any time.
- Any breach of Road Traffic Acts will be treated with the utmost severity.

2. Manual Handling – Injury due to lifting and carrying.

RISK ASSESMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

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CONTROL MEASURES

- Good manual handling practice must be exercised in loading and unloading of the vehicle.
- Be very aware of your own capabilities
- Be very careful of trap points on doors.
- Ask for help whenever practical and needed.
- Ensure all equipment is safely stowed in the vehicle so that it will not slide or shift forward in the event of an emergency stop

3. Wheel Change – Cuts, Bruises, MH injury, traffic passing by.

RISK ASSESMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Vehicle is issued with full wheel changing kits.
- The jack, screwdriver, spare wheel and tyre iron are usual vehicle equipment. The reflective jacket, torch and red triangle are supplied by the company.
- All of this equipment is to be properly maintained by the vehicle drivers.
- If a puncture occurs and a wheel change is needed do the following:
 - Turn on hazard lights
 - Pull in to the left-hand side of the road when safe to do so
 - Get out of the vehicle and go to the boot
 - Place the red triangle approx. 30 feet from the vehicle
 - It is imperative that the yellow jacket is worn even in broad daylight
 - If the puncture is on the left hand side of the vehicle proceed to change the tyre taking great care with regard to manual handling
 - If the puncture is on the right hand side of the vehicle try to angle the car slightly to give protection from oncoming traffic
 - When the wheel has been changed replace all equipment back in the vehicle in their original storage places
- Have the puncture repaired as soon as possible, especially if the spare is a temporary wheel

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4. Mobile phones – road traffic accident

RISK ASSESMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- At no time is it permitted to drive the vehicle while holding a mobile phone or receiving / sending text messages
- Training / instruction must be given to staff on the dangers of using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle

5. Vehicle Maintenance – RTA due to poor maintenance

RISK ASSESMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Maintenance / service carried out as per recommendations.
- A bi-monthly Health & Safety Vehicle Review will be made on the vehicle and a record kept in the Health & Safety folder
- Staff will occasionally be requested to carry out an assessment on the vehicle.

Vehicle to include the following:

- Current Vehicle Service Record
- Fire Extinguisher
- Torch
- Reflective Jacket
- Bin for litter
- Warning Triangle
- Emergency Breakdown/Accident phone number
- First Aid Kit Accident number

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4.12 Dermatitis and Skin Conditions

HAZARDS

- Excessive use of substances
- Product problems
- Skin “sweating” in gloves

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Wear disposable non-latex gloves when handling substances, etc.
- Have different sized gloves available and ensure a good fit
- Show staff how to remove gloves by peeling them down from the cuff avoiding touching their skin with used gloves
- Make sure gloves are worn for cleaning spills
- Rotate jobs to minimise exposure for each member of staff
- Provide soft cotton or paper towels for drying hands
- Tell staff about the importance of thorough hand drying as part of their skin care regime
- Make sure staff don't re-use gloves – the skin can be contaminated if you try to put them back on
- Advise your staff to change gloves between substances – this gives the skin a chance to ‘air’
- Check your skin regularly for early signs of dermatitis.

4.13 Latex Gloves

HAZARDS

- Irritation
- Allergic Reaction

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Only buy Latex Free gloves.
- Only gloves with low levels of leachable protein will be used.
- Use Powder free gloves.

Follow the points at 4.20

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4.14 Erecting stone/memorial and Lifting operations (Unloading deliveries, flat bed trucks, etc.)

Hazards

- Falling materials
- Collapsing crane/hoist

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Due to the individual nature of every memorial and the actual location, an assessment of all lifting operations detailing the specific risks and relevant control measures will be agreed for each lift.
- General points to be observed in addition to the Method statements are
 - o ABC Company staff do not operate cranes.
 - o ABC Company staff that hold appropriate skills cards may use Teleporters under the direction of a banksman where necessary.
 - o Safe working area to be enforced.
 - o Only certified plant and equipment to be used.
 - o Use of experienced and certified operators.
 - o Tool box talks and site induction on works undertaken.
 - o PPE to be worn at all times.

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4.15 Hand Tools

Hazards
Electricity
Entanglement

Person at risk:
Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score = 2	Score = 6	Result = 12 (Low)

Control Measures

- First aid box available in van and workshop
- All tools checked before use by staff.
- Defects to any tool will result in it being withdrawn from use until repaired or replaced.
- All tools will be part of a maintenance program.
- Safety glasses will be worn by all operators where there is a danger of debris being ejected.
- Waste will be removed daily.
- General area around workbenches will be kept clear to avoid slips and falls onto any moving parts.
- Blades on planes etc. will only be changed by competent persons.
- Blades on chisels etc. will only be sharpened by trained staff.
- All tools must be secured when not in use
- All blades must be kept sharp.
- Work pieces must be secured while being worked on.
- Cutting actions must be made away from the body.
- The free hand must be kept behind the cutting edge.

Tools may not be carried around the workshop except when being removed or returned to storage.

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4.16 Power tools

Hazards Identified:

Accidental electrocution from exposed wires
 Personal injury from incorrect use
 Personal injury from inadequate maintenance

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Checks before use on all Power and Portable tools:

- Is the outside of the plug undamaged?
- Is the outside of the plug free from signs of overheating?
- Is the cable free from kinking and other mechanical damage?
- Is the same true of any extension cable and accessories?
- Is the cable securely clamped into the plug at one end and securely attached at the other?
- Is the casing of the tool free of obvious damage?
- Is there a label to say that the tool has been electrically tested within the past six months?

GENERAL CONTROL MEASURES

- Damaged cables with exposed wires must be removed from site immediately and replaced with new cables.
- Training must be given to users of power tools by a competent person (Tool box talk).
- Repairs must not be carried out on power tools unless that person is trained and competent to do so.
- Damaged power tools must be reported Site Foreman
- Don't use damaged, worn or dangerous tools;
- Always use the correct tool for the work being carried out.
- Inspect portable leads & extension leads before use, replace if damaged;
- Only use portable electrical equipment if powered through a 110 volt transformer;
- If power leads need to be extended ensure that the extension is on the transformed (110 volt) side of the power supply;
- Sharpen or get cutting tools sharpened regularly;
- Keep hands behind the cutting edge of cutting tools;
- Wear protective equipment where necessary -gloves, safety glasses, visor and safety boots;
- DO NOT wear gloves when using portable drills;

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- Keep cables tidy; don't leave cables lying on the ground;
- Quickly inspect tool before use -its cable, casing, power supply;
- Keep knives, chisels, screwdrivers and other sharp tools in safe places -- not pockets;
- Don't allow cables to trail across route ways of personnel or machinery;
- Don't remove safety devices from tools or equipment;
- Unplug tools when not in use.

TOOL SPECIFIC CONTROLS

When using drills.

- Always check the drill before plugging in.
- If the drill or lead is damaged it must be reported.
- Only competent persons can repair the drill.
- Always tie up or remove loose clothing, long hair, rings, and jewellery;
- Only use electric drills via a 110 volt transformer;
- Ensure that drill bits are regularly sharpened / replaced;
- Wear eye protection when drilling;
- Don't use electric drills with one hand use both hands;
- Use cloth or brush provided to clean off machine;
- Deburr drilled profile with a file or sandpaper, not by the bare hand;
- Brush down swarf off drill tables regularly;
- Keep work area clean;
- Never use bare hands for removing swarf or cut ends, wear gloves;
- Never operate the drill without the guarding in place;
- Remove the chuck key before starting;
- Clean work & vice to work table before starting.

When using Power Saws

ABC Company recognise that power/reciprocating saws are part of the works which employees may have to carry out from time to time and to ensure there safety ABC Company require all employees to be aware or made aware of the controls on power saws as listed below.

- Do not use the saw without checking it first.
- Follow the standard safety procedures applying to individual saws.
- Follow the standard safety procedures applying to machinery.

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- Operate saws with all the guards in position.
- Clean down saws regularly - only with a brush or cloth when saw is unplugged.
- Be aware of the emergency power cut off switches.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment, gloves and goggles or safety visor.
- Turn off all tools when finished.
- 110-volt equipment only to be used if electric or 220 on a RCB
- Do not use the saw above shoulder height or when off balance.
- Ensure that other people are at least 2-saw lengths away from the operator.
- Restrain all pieces being cut securely.
- Keep work area clear of debris.
- Watch out for falling cut pieces.

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4.17 Abrasive Wheels

Hazards

- Disc bursting due to:
 - o Incorrect disc fitted
 - o Disc fitted incorrectly
 - o Faulty / damaged disc fitted
- Wrong disc fitted / used for purpose
- Hand or leg injuries from unsafe use by inexperienced or incompetent persons
- Eye injuries to operator or those nearby from projectiles emitted
- Severe injuries due to wheel bursting

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

- Users of abrasive wheels equipment must be trained and certified
- Wearing of appropriate PPE i.e. goggles or visor (safety spectacles not adequate), appropriate dust mask, gloves and hearing protection
- Machines to be well maintained - if damaged / faulty they are to be reported to foreman immediately and repaired without delay
- Guards to be in good order and NOT REMOVED
- Funnel to be used for fuelling to avoid accidental spillages onto machine causing potential fire hazard
- Appropriate machine to be used for job i.e. in limited spaces use 4" angle grinder in lieu of regular size
- Check if atmosphere it is being used in is suitable for type of machine used i.e. if explosive atmosphere or confined space do not use petrol driven Consaw or electrically operated angle grinders. Compressed air machines to be used
- Always check that a grinding wheel's RPM rating is consistent with the speed of the grinding machine.
- Before mounting a grinding wheel on a machine, make sure the power is turned off at the power point switch and the plug removed.
- Occasionally a new wheel is cracked or flawed, and is likely to shatter as soon as it is used. New wheels should always be visually checked and given a resonance test before being fixed

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to the spindle. Tap the side of the wheel with a small tool. It should have a clear ring. A dull noise indicates a flaw.

- Ensure the hole in the grinding wheel fits closely on the spindle.
- When a wheel has been newly fitted between appropriate washers and flanges, rotate it by hand to check the balance before switching on the power to use the machine.
- Unless flanges and washers are evenly seated on either side of the wheel before the locking nut is tightened, the wheel can crack and shatter.
- Always ensure that the wheel has a soft washer or "blotter" on either side to distribute clamping pressure when the nut is tightened.
- Avoid over-tightening the locking nut, as this can exert hazardous forces on the wheel.
- Avoid using grinding wheels designed for steel on materials that will clog the pores between the abrasive particles -for example plastic or aluminium.
- Unless the wheel is "dressed" with a special tool, when pores become blocked or it loses its cutting surface, the operator will have to press harder to achieve the same cutting effect, exerting forces that may cause the wheel to shatter.
- Pressing hard on a dulled wheel surface can produce excessive heat, which will cause the bonding material to glaze.
- Eye and ear protection should be worn for all grinding jobs, including dressing grinding wheels.
- Never remove guards from a bench grinder. They offer protection in the event of wheel failure, and protect hands and fingers from injury.
- The work rest on a bench grinder should be securely fixed and close enough to the grinding wheel to prevent the job slipping off. It should be adjusted as the disc becomes smaller through wear and dressing.
- Wheels should never be run in excess of the maximum speed recommended by the manufacturer.
- Abrasive wheels should be discarded:
 - o When the diameter approaches that of the driving flanges.
 - o When the work rest can no longer be correctly adjusted to the wheel diameter, or
 - o When the wheel no longer cuts efficiently because of reduced peripheral speed.

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4.18 General workshop activities

Hazards: (see also, other specific assessments such as Housekeeping and Hand tools)

Slips and falls

Tools

Debris

Electricity

Dust (Hardwood)

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score = 4	Score = 5	Result = 20 (Medium)

Control Measures

- All employees will be fully qualified in their areas of expertise.
- Copies of the qualifications will be kept on file.
- Areas of exclusion will be set up to ensure no accidents may happen to third parties.
- All portable tools shall be battery operated or 110V only.
- Housekeeping practices will ensure that all areas are kept clean during the working day and the area will be left clear at the end of the working day.
- Where it is necessary to leave work unfinished at the end of a working day, relevant signage and/or barriers will be put in place.
- ABC Company employees do not engage in general electrical work.
- Work areas and machinery will be kept clean and tidy at all times.
- Work areas will be subject to the H&S inspections.
- Personal Protective Equipment comprised of Gloves, Masks, Overalls and boots will be worn as relevant for the particular type of hazard.

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4.19 Issues for Fibreglass Headstones

Hazards

Manual handling

Housekeeping

Weather

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures

- Previous risk assessments for Manual Handling, Housekeeping, Workshop, etc. shall be followed.
- All headstones are less than 20 kg.
- Headstones are prefabricated by a supplier and inscriptions, detailing, etc. added by ABC Company. Assessments relating to casting in Resin and attaching must be followed.
- When placing headstone in a particular graveyard the local health and safety controls must be followed and a method statement as per the template in the Appendix must be prepared as required.

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4.20 Vinyl Cutter Plotter

Hazards
Electricity
Entanglement

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures

- Pre use checks to be undertaken by staff on all cutting blades/surfaces.
- All staff using the plotter shall be fully trained in its operation.
- Emergency cut off shall be tested daily.
- Dust extraction fitted to machine.
- Noise reduction is part of the design.
- Machine is able to work alone and therefore staff are not in close proximity.
- Machine is always isolated for cleaning.
- Guards and door are interlocked for safety.
- Machine has single phase electrical supply and has an RCB.

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4.21 Resin Casting

Hazards

Hazardous substances

Dust

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures

- All controls for Hazardous Substances as set out earlier in Part 4 must be followed.
- All staff handling resins and resin powder will be fully familiar with its uses and correct handling.
- Personal Protective Equipment as per the Resin MSDS shall be worn.
- All moulds to be inspected before use for debris, cracks, etc.
- Resin is never to be poured into dirty moulds as impurities can cause problems with the resin.
- Correct handling tools to be used to pour resin ensuring that the operator is removed from the hazard.
- Resin must be allowed to fully set before being tipped from the mould.
- When bonding the reinforcing rods all controls as per the hazardous substance assessment must be followed.

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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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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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Safety Inspection Sheet

Inspector:		Area:		Date:	
Structure, equipment, tool & work practice	Inspection item (relating to each structure, equipment, tool & work practice)	Substandard condition / practice noted	Corrective action required	Action by & date	

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Staff Suggestion forms

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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Confined space assessment when necessary.

Location of work				
Description of work				
Permit Validity Period	From Date ____/____/____ Time____:____ To Time____:____. If the work is not completed within this timescale, a new permit must be issued.			
Persons completing the task				
Person supervising the task				
Hazards	Risks	Yes	No	N/A
Access & Egress	Rescue			
Oxygen Depletion	Asphyxiation			
Communication	Failure to communicate effectively			
Rescue	Provision of first aid			
Ingress and or residue of product	Drowning/suffocation/asphyxiation/engulfment			
Mechanical	Entanglement			
Maintenance/servicing	Isolation			
Modifications	Managing Change			
Electrical	Electrocution			
Hot work	Fire or explosion			
Cleaning	COSHH			
Manual handling	Sprains & strains			
Lone Working	Communication/rescue			
Working at height	Falls			
<u>General Precautions in place</u>		General Permit No.		
Persons involved in the task have been made aware of the location/position of the nearest fire alarm call point, first aid point and the general site safety rules.				
	Yes	<u>Observations</u>		
Safety warning notices have been posted				
Isolation and lock-off of all outlets and inlets				
Emergency rescue arrangements in place				
Other				
<u>Authorisation</u>	Name (Print)	Signature	Date	Time
I confirm that the precautions identified are in place, work may commence.				
<u>Acceptance</u>	Name (Print)	Signature	Date	Time
I confirm the precautions identified are in place and understand the scope of work				
<u>Completion</u>	Name (Print)	Signature	Date	Time
I confirm that the work is complete, all materials and tools have been withdrawn.				
<u>Clearance & cancellation</u>	Name (Print)	Signature	Date	Time
I confirm that the work is complete and the area is safe and secure.				

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Template Method Statement for Graveyards when necessary.

ABC Company	Manager Name:	Address:		Tel:
				E-mail:
Graveyard name and location.				
Description of the placement activities for this Graveyard.				
Site Address/Location:			Start Date/Time:	
			Finish Date/Time	
Personnel Involved	Name		Role	
Supervisor:			Tel:	
Key Plant & Tools that will be used (Attach Certification for any lifting equip)				
Other Essential Equipment:				
Is there a risk of trench collapse? If so how will this be prevented?				
State any Specific Staff Training for this activity?				

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Steps to be followed when working at a grave in this Graveyard

Sequence of Operations:
(include sketches if required)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Temporary Supports and Props needed to facilitate the works:

(if none, state none)

Method of Access and Egress to the work area:

(i.e. Ladders/Trestles/Step Ladder, etc)

Fall Protection Measures:

(Where work at height cannot be eliminated – consider both Personnel & Materials)

(i.e. Guard Rails/Exclusion Zones, etc.)

SWL's:

(Detail any limits on the loadings applicable to temporary or fixed elements where the work is taking place)

Required Personnel Protective Equipment:



Safety Boots



Hard Hats



Safety Gloves



Eye Protection

Other:

1. Hi-Viz
2. Coveralls
- 3.

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Emergency Procedures:		
	Name of On-Site First Aider:	
	First Aid Box Location:	
	Location of Nearest Hospital:	
Welfare Requirements		
Services to be supplied by Others		
Other information & Comments		

All work will be undertaken by qualified competent persons with experience of the type of work described above, and in all cases in full accordance with safety procedures specified in the company's health and safety statement.

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Position:
Reviewed by:
Position:

Date:

Date:

Method Statement Briefing Record

We (the undersigned) have read and understood the attached method statement and will comply with the specified requirements and control measures. If the work activity changes or deviates from that originally envisaged, we will seek further advice and request an amended method statement.

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MSDS for Resin Filler and Polishing Powders/Resin Filler

Section 1 - Chemical Product Identification																																														
Product / Chemical Name: Marble Polishing Powder																																														
Chemical Formula: Oxalic Acid / Alumina mixture General Use: Polishing of marble and stone surfaces					CAS Number: See section 2 Other Designations: N/A																																									
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Physical State: Powder Water Solubility: Moderact Appearance and Odor: White / Odorless Other Solubilities: N/A Odor Treshold: Rhomblo Boiling Point: 300 to 320 degrees F Vapor Pressure: N/A Freezing / Melting Point: 215 degrees F Vapor Density (Air=1): N/A Viscosity: N/A				Formula Weight: N/A Refractive Index: N/A Density: N/A Surface Tension: N/A Specific Gravity (H2O=1, at 4°C): 1,653 % Volatile: N/A pH: N/A Evaporation Rate: N/A																																										

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Section 4 - Fire Fighting Measures

Flash Point: N/A
Auto Ignition Temperature: N/A
Flash Point Method: N/A
LEL: N/A
Burning Rate: N/A
UEL: N/A
Flammability Classification:
Extinguishing Media: Use extinguishing method appropriate for surrounding fire.
Decomposition and Explosion Hazards: 1 mg/m3

Hazardous Combustion Products: Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide
Fire Fighting Instructions: Do not release runoff from fire control methods to sewers or waterways. Use water to keep fire exposed containers cool.
Fire Fighting Equipment: Because fire may produce toxic thermal decomposition products, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face piece operated in pressure demand or positive pressure mode.

Section 5 - Stability and Reactivity

Stability: Oxalic Acid is stable at room temperature in closed containers under normal storage and handling conditions.
Polymerization: Hazardous polymerization cannot occur.
Chemical Incompatibilities: Strong oxidizing agents, strong bases, silver and silver compounds.

Conditions to Avoid: Heat
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Thermal oxidative decomposition of Oxalic acid can produce carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Section 6 - Health Hazard Information

Potential Health Effects

Primary Entry Routes: Inhalation, ingestion, absorption, eye contact, skin contact.
Target Organs: Respiratory system, eyes, skin, kidneys.
Acute Effects:
Inhalation: May cause corrosion of mouth, throat, and stomach.
Eye: Severe irritation or burns.
Skin: Severe irritation or burns.

Ingestion: Headache, nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal irritation, unconsciousness, convulsions.
Carcinogenicity: LARC, NTP, and OSHA do not list oxalic acid as a carcinogen.
Medical Conditions Aggravated by long-term Exposure: May have adverse effect on kidney function and may be fatal.

Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen.
Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.
Skin Contact: Rinse skin with water for 15 minutes.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting; if conscious, give water, milk, or milk of magnesia.
After first aid, get appropriate in-plant, paramedic, or community medical support.
Note to Physicians:
Special Precautions / Procedures:

Section 7 - Spill, Leak, and Disposal Procedures

Spill / Leak Procedures:
Small Spills: See large spills
Large Spills:

Containment: For large spills, dike far ahead of liquid spill for later disposal. Do not release into sewers or waterways.

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Cleanup: With a clean shovel, place material into clean, dry metal container and cover with dry sand, lime or soda ash. Keep container tightly covered.

Regulatory Requirements: Follow applicable OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120)

Disposal: Contact your supplier or a licensed contractor for detailed recommendations. Follow applicable Federal, state, and local regulations.

Disposal Regulatory Requirements:

Container Cleaning and Disposal:

Ecological Information:

EPA Regulation:

RCRA Hazardous Waste Number: D002 (Corrosive waste)

Section 8 - Exposure Control / Personal Protection

Engineering Controls:

Ventilation: Provide general or local exhaust ventilation systems to maintain airborne concentrations below OSHA PELs (Sec.2) Local exhaust ventilation is preferred because it prevents contaminant dispersion into the work area by controlling it at its source.

Administrative Controls:

Respiratory Protection: Seek professional advice prior to respirator selection and use. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1919.134) and, if necessary, wear a MSHA / NIOSH approved respirator. Select respirator based on its suitability to provide adequate worker protection for given working conditions, level of airborne contamination, and presence of sufficient oxygen. For emergency or non routine operations (cleaning spills, reactor-vessel, or storage tanks), wear an SCBA.

Warning! Air purifying respirators do not protect workers in oxygen-deficient atmospheres. If respirators are used, OSHA requires a written respiratory inspection, cleaning, and convenient, sanitary storage areas.

Protective Clothing / Equipment: Wear chemically protective gloves, boots, aprons, and gauntlets to prevent prolonged or repeated skin contact. Wear protective eyeglasses or chemical safety goggles, per OSHA eye and face protection regulations (29 CFR 1910.133). Contact lenses are not eye protective devices. Appropriate eye protection must be worn instead of, or in conjunction with contact lenses.

Safety Stations: Make emergency eyewash stations, safety / quick-drench showers, and washing facilities available in work area.

Contaminated Equipment: Separate contaminated work clothes from street clothes. Launder before reuse. Remove this material from your shoes and clean personal protective equipment.

Comments: Never eat, drink, or smoke in work areas. Practice good personal hygiene after using this material, especially before eating, drinking, smoking, using the toilet, or applying cosmetics.

Sections 9 - Special Precautions and Comments

Handling Precautions:

Storage Requirements:

DOT Transportation Data (49 CFR 172.101):

Shipping Name: Corrosive solid
N.O.S. (Oxalic acid)

Shipping Symbol:

Hazard Class: Corrosive material
(solid)

ID No.: UN1759

Packing Group:

Label: Corrosive

Special Provisions (172.102)

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. PRODUCT NAME:

Chemical Family: Epoxy resin, filler mixture.

2. HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

NAME	CAS No.	TLV	STEL	PEL	CONTENT
Formaldehyde, Polymer with (chloromethyl)oxirane and Phenol	9003-36-5	none	none	none	55-65%
Neopentyl Diglycidyl Ether (NDE)	17557-23-2	none	none	none	30-40%
Oxirane, (chloromethyl)	106-89-8	2ppm	5ppm	none	<2ppm

reference section 7, Health Hazard Data for LD (50)

3. PHYSICAL DATA:

Boiling Point:	>100 C	Water/Oil Distribution Coefficient:	N/D
Percent Volatile:	Negligible	Solubility in Water:	Minimal
Freezing Point:	N/D	Specific Gravity:	1.1
Vapor Pressure @ 20C:	N/D	pH:	N/D
Vapor Density:	Heavier than air	Evaporation Rate:	N/D
Odor Threshold:	N/D	Odor:	Mild
Appearance:	Amber liquid		

N/D = Not Determined

4. FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA:

HMIS Flammability Rating:	1 - (Slight Hazard)
Flash Point:	> 250 F (PMCC)
Auto Ignition Temperature:	N/D
Limits of Flammability:	LEL: N/D UEL: N/D
EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:	CARBON DIOXIDE, FOAM, DRY CHEMICAL AND WATER FOG
SPECIAL FIRE & UNUSUAL HAZARDS:	Self-contained respirator equipment and full protective clothing required when smoke or fumes are generated. Electrical grounding not recommended.

5. REACTIVITY DATA:

HMIS Reactivity Rating:	1 - (Slight Hazard)
STABILITY:	This product must be mixed with another component to react at room temperature. Excessive heat and fume generation can occur if improperly handled. Not sensitive to mechanical impact.
INCOMPATIBILITY:	Strong acids, strong bases. Amines and mercaptans may initiate possible hazardous polymerization.
HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:	Carbon monoxide and dioxide, aldehydes, various hydrocarbons from incomplete combustion.
HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:	May occur if product is not handled per instructions.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISPOSAL INFORMATION:

ACTION TO TAKE FOR SPILLS AND LEAKS:	Wear appropriate protective gear. Contain leak/spill. Salvage. Clean up residue with absorbent material.
WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:	Handle disposal of waste material in manner which complies with local, state, province, and federal regulations. Landfill if solidified or incinerate at agency approved waste-disposal facility.

7. HEALTH HAZARD DATA:

HMIS Health Rating:	2 - (Moderate Hazard)
Primary Route Of Entry:	Dermal
Effects of Overexposure:	
Skin Contact:	Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause skin irritation and redness. Skin sensitization or allergic reaction may occur in some individuals.
Eyes:	Contact may cause irritation, redness, tearing and blurred vision.
Inhalation:	No known health information on inhalation of vapors.
Ingestion:	Low oral toxicity. LD (50) CAS 9003-36-5 5 g/kg (rat) LD (50) CAS 17557-23-2 8.8 g/kg (rat)
Chronic:	None known.

8: FIRST AID:

Inhalation:	Remove victim from exposure. If difficulty with breathing; administer oxygen and seek immediate medical assistance.
Eyes:	Flush with water, lifting upper and lower lids occasionally for 15 minutes. Seek medical attention.
Skin:	Wash with soap and water; get medical attention if irritation persists.
Ingestion:	Do not give liquid if victim is unconscious or very drowsy; otherwise give no more than two glasses of water or milk and induce vomiting with two tablespoons of Syrup of Ipecac or by touching finger to back of victim's throat. Keep victim's head below hips while vomiting. Seek medical attention.

9. SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION:

HMIS Personal Protection	C (Safety Glasses, Gloves, Apron)
Ventilation:	Ventilation is recommended. Air movement must be designed to insure turnover at all locations in work area to prevent build-up of heavy vapors.
Personal Protection:	Use eye protection. Selection of specific items such as gloves, boots and apron will depend on the operation.

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

DOT Proper Shipping Name:	Epoxy resin mixture, not regulated
DOT Hazard Class or Division:	Not regulated
Identification Number:	N/A
Packing Group:	N/A
Labels Required:	N/A
California Prop. 65:	Oxirane, (chloromethyl) trace, CAS 106-89-3
WHMIS Classification:	Class B, Div. 3; Class D, Div. 2, Sub. B.
WHMIS Labeling:	Stylized T
Storage Conditions:	Keep containers tightly sealed. Store in dry and cool areas. Avoid freezing conditions.
Shelf life:	18 months, minimum.
Special Instructions:	Storage recommendations: Store at room temperature. Do not allow to freeze.

The information given herein is given in good faith. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made regarding the accuracy of these data or the results obtained from the use thereof. All materials may present unknown health hazards and must be used with caution. Although certain hazards are described herein, we cannot guarantee that these are the only hazards that exist.

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Lifting Equipment Checklist

Important – There are highly detailed requirements for lifting equipment. This checklist is shortened. Please investigate further as needed. Check each box as it applies to the lifting gear in question. Ensure that any corrective actions are listed at the end of the checklist and a timescale and responsibility for completion are clearly stated. The (RXX) after each point are the specific regulation numbers referenced.

Lifting Equipment details: _____

Date: _____

Inspector: _____

Requirement

- ☐ Safe working load clearly marked (r42)
- ☐ Equipment not designed for lifting persons clearly marked (r42)
- ☐ Unless required for effective operation, employees not under suspended loads (r42)
- ☐ Every crane of variable radius has a properly maintained safe load indicator or rated capacity indicator correctly used.
- ☐ Jib or boom clearly marked to indicate the crane of which it is a part re: Heavy lift trucks. (r43)
- ☐ Every platform or support for lifting equipment is suitable (r44)
- ☐ Carrier plate shows rated load in kilograms and, maximum load.
- ☐ Lifting accessories marked to identify the characteristics for safe use.
- ☐ Adequate protection measures to avoid recovery vehicle turning over are in place.
- ☐ Lifting equipment operated by a competent person or under direct supervision of a competent person for training (r51)
- ☐ Mobile equipment is accompanied by a certificate of test, specifying the safe working load (r52)
- ☐ Regulation 53 report or a copy of it kept at place of work and in the case of mobile equipment, is kept on the equipment in addition to being available for inspection at the address of the equipment owner (r54)
- ☐ Register of lifting equipment and accessories maintained and kept for inspection (r54)
- ☐ Machine not loaded beyond the relevant safe working load (r55)
- ☐ Hydraulically-operated machines fitted with check valves to prevent a gravity fall of the load in the event of a hydraulic failure (r55)
- ☐ Lifting accessories including chains, ropes, rings, hooks, shackles, clamps, swivels, spreader beams and spreader frames, vacuum lifting devices – tested every 6 months (s1pB)
- ☐ Items provided for support of lifting equipment – tested every 12 months (s1pB)
- ☐ Vehicle lifting table - tested every 12 months (s1pB)
- ☐ Winches used for lifting loads - tested every 12 months (s1pB)
- ☐ All equipment tested after any repair or alteration.

Date for non conformances to be remedied: _____

Person responsible: _____

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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 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.

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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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