

# 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 Manager 2'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 2007-16 (and all other regulations made under the 2005 Act that may be relevant to ABC Company)
- ✓ The Construction Regulations 2013

Where we are engaged on Domestic Works and we are not aware of a Project Supervisor being appointed, we will advise the Client under Regulation 6 of the 2013 Construction Regulations, of their duty to do so and will follow the directions of whoever is appointed as the Project supervisor.

All reasonable practicable measures will be taken to minimise risk to employees or others who may be affected by company activities.

ABC Company has appointed Manager 2 as having responsibility for managing Health, Safety & Welfare, on a day-to-day basis. Reference should be made to Manager 2, in the event of any difficulty arising in the implementation of this policy. Manager 2 will be supported by others as necessary to ensure that the provisions of this Safety Statement are implemented.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager 2

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 1.3 Policy Statement:

Manager 2 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. All reasonable and practicable steps to protect members of the public who may be affected either directly or indirectly by its activities will be followed.

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

It is our policy when purchasing tiles, making 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.

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

Accidents/incidents reported shall be investigated by Manager 2 to determine the corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence.

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

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## **2.1 MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM**

ABC Company is a company specialising in the laying of commercial and domestic flooring in a wide variety of locations.

The company employees operate daily from approximately 8:00am until 5:00pm and averaging 40 hours per week. However these hours will vary with need.

This Statement has been prepared to facilitate an increasing number of employees. As numbers increase relevant changes will be made to the Safety Statement and recorded on page 7.

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

Management points that may be measured:

1. Workplace safety and housekeeping inspections
2. Staff suggestions and query forms
3. Induction and ongoing training
  - 3.1. First aid – as necessary
  - 3.2. Manual Handling – as necessary
  - 3.3. Safe Pass training
4. Safety critical equipment maintenance records
  - 4.1. Vehicles
  - 4.2. 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
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9. Annual report

Records of all of the above points will be held within a Safety Management Folder. This folder is maintained by Manager 2.

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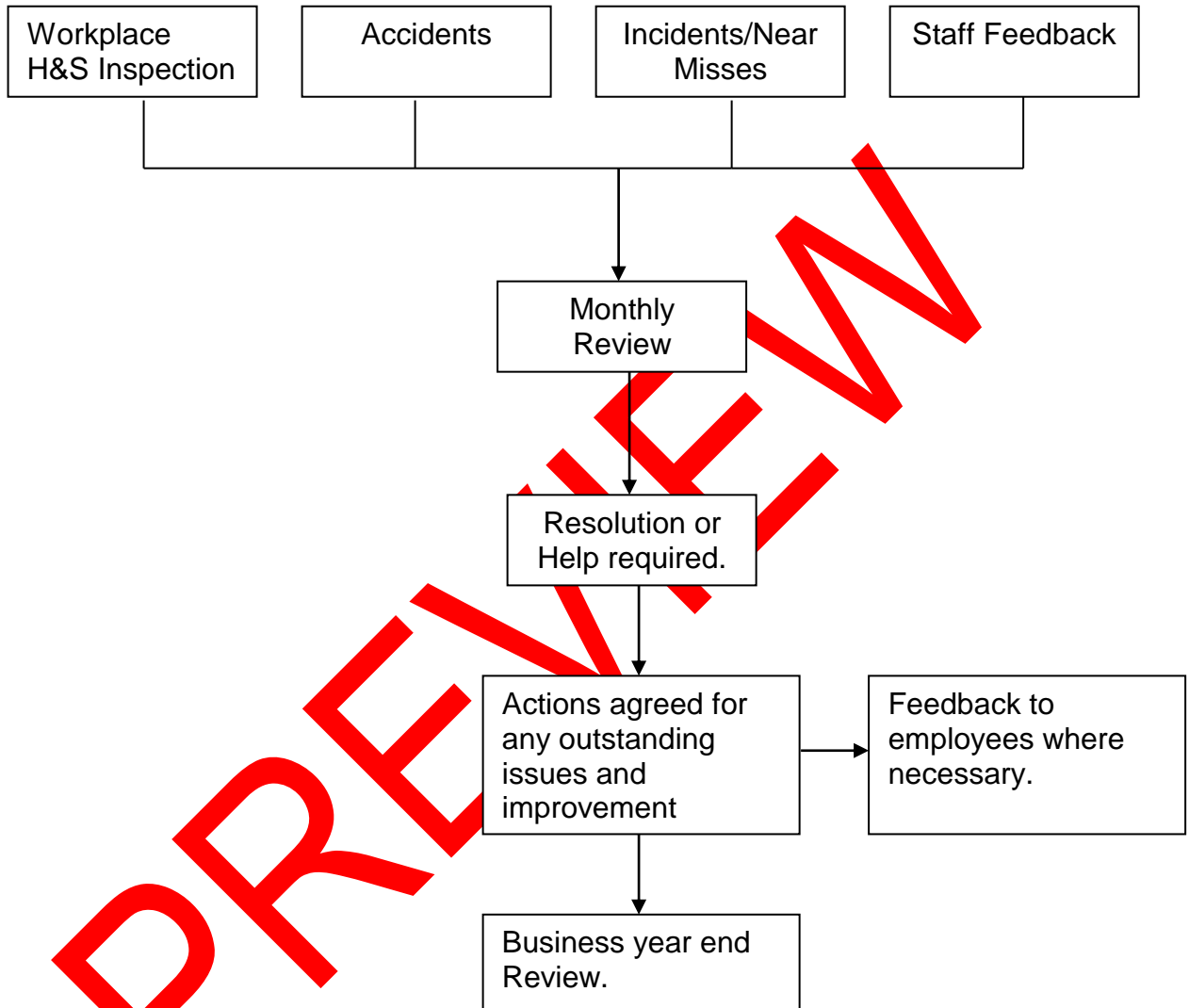
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### Health and Safety Management process for Manager 2

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



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## 2.2 Manager 2

- ❑ Manager 2 will be responsible for implementation of the procedures within the Safety Statement.
- ❑ He bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively.
- ❑ He is also responsible for ensuring that staff reporting to him 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 Site Foreman (if and when appointed)**

- ❑ 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. (when necessary)
- ❑ Supervise the Company Health and Safety programme.
- ❑ Get the assistance of all management in monitoring the effectiveness of the Company Safety Statement.
- ❑ Review all safety rules on a regular basis and, where necessary, recommend suitable changes.
- ❑ Assist in the induction and safety training of new employees.
- ❑ Inspect and maintain records of hazards/near miss reports.
- ❑ Monitor the systems for ensuring that fire precautions are adequate.

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## **2.4 Supervisors (if and when appointed)**

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

Supervisors 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 SUPERVISORS**

- ❑ Ensure that all procedures are complied with for all new employees.
- ❑ Implement an efficient communication procedure so that all Personnel are aware of workplace standards as measured against the Company's Safety Policy and are provided with information on accidents and other safety, health and welfare information.
- ❑ Plan and co-ordinate safety training as necessary.
- ❑ Plan and supervise all work processes in a safe manner and in accordance with the standards set out in 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.

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## **2.6 CONTRACTORS (Generally used if and 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

Manager 2 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.

Manager 2 undertakes:

- To ensure that he is adequately trained in the activities he will be undertaking.
- 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 Manager 2 at the work place where the new employee will be required to work.

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

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

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### 3.3 TRAINING

#### HAZARDS

Inadequately trained staff are a hazard to themselves and their co-employees. Manager 2 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.

Manager 2 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 Manager 2 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 company vans. Staff members complete a form as needed. The forms are reviewed on a weekly basis by Manager 2.

Manager 2 will seek more information as necessary from the relevant staff member and will then agree any actions arising from the Suggestions or Concerns if necessary.

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### 3.5 SAFETY REPRESENTATION

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

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.

Manager 2 will facilitate the Safety Representative in carrying out their functions as defined in the Act and as outlined above.

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### 3.6 FIRST AID

#### CONTROL MEASURES

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

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

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

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

- ❑ **General office**
- ❑ **Vans**
- ❑ The First Aid Boxes is inspected on a weekly basis by the driver. This check and replenishment is recorded and kept on file.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ All injuries must be reported on the worksheet also.

❑ ***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 at this web link <https://webapps.hsa.ie/CIRW/index.php>.
- ❑ 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 (or householder) 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.

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### 3.9 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Manager 2 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.

Manager 2 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.

### 3.10 PERMIT TO WORK SYSTEM

ABC Company Permits are not relevant on this site. Company staff will complete site permits as required by the Client's 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. Smoking is prohibited throughout the workplace with no exceptions. This policy applies to all employees, trainees, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors who enter the premises of Manager 2.

#### **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**

Manager 2 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 recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer to provide a safe and healthy working environment for employees. As part of the policy of maintaining good employer practice, 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.

Manager 2 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 2 or the Safety Representative.

Manager 2 gives the undertaking that he 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

Manager 2 does not employ Apprentices. Manager 2 does not employ inexperienced workers. Manager 2 do not offer work experience places to local schools, colleges, etc. All technical employees have trade qualifications and are experienced in their profession.

New employees who are experienced in their profession/trade receive in-house induction training and spend an agreed period of time working with experienced staff before being allowed to operate alone.

All workers on installation crews are subject to specific site inductions by the relevant site managers or safety managers.

Installation crews are supervised at all times by an experienced foreman.

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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

Fire and Emergency plan for the Client site will be followed by the Manager 2 employees. However, in general, the fire safety arrangements for Manager 2 are set out below.

#### RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

### CONTROL MEASURES

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

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

#### The Fire Safety Programme shall incorporate arrangements for:

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

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

#### **4.2.1 FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

The purpose of portable fire fighting equipment is as follows:

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

#### **Portable Fire Extinguishers**

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

#### **Action in the event of fire**

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

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

#### **4.2.2 MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE**

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

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

#### **4.2.3 FIRE DRILL**

Staff will partake in Client fire drills as necessary.

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### 4.3 ACCESS AND EGRESS

#### HAZARDS

Manager 2 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

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

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

Supervisors 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: Medium**

### 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

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 =

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

### CONTROL MEASURES

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

### WIRING STANDARDS

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

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

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

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

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## 4.7 OFFICES

### HAZARDS

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

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

### CONTROL MEASURES

- This section is not applicable as Manager 2 will not be maintaining an office on the Client site.

## 4.8 VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS (VDU'S)

### HAZARDS

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

- This section is not applicable as Manager 2 will not be maintaining and office on the Client site.

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## 4.9 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

While the Cement and adhesives in use on client sites are not very hazardous, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) will be made available wherever needed. This section also relates to the cleaning of floors after installation.

### 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

- ☐ All glues and other substances are listed in a safety file.
- ☐ All glues and other substances have an up to date Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on file.
- ☐ The control measures listed in the MSDS are followed.
- ☐ A written assessment, control measures and other information are on site.
- ☐ All glues and substances are stored in an appropriate unit that is fire retardant and can contain spillages.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Any necessary air sampling, medical examinations, testing, etc. will be carried out as required and records will be kept on the premises.
- ☐ All measures necessary to protect other workers and the general public from any substance hazardous to health will be provided and maintained.

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**Guidance to staff when cleaning newly installed floors:**

- ❑ Always follow carefully any instructions and training information given in the use of 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, e.g. goggles or visors, and ensure an eyewash bottle is available.
- ❑ Check that rubber 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 chemicals.
- ❑ When diluting 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.
- ❑ Only use cleaning chemicals in well-ventilated areas. Sometimes an open window will be enough.
- ❑ 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 Tiling and general installation work

Note: All work is subject to individual assessment and the production of a method statement to cover the tasks and activities of the specific job.

##### HAZARDS

- Multi hazard

##### RISK ASSESSMENT: As per individual assessments

To ensure that the activities of the installers does not create a hazard.

##### 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.
- ❑ Only safety cutters will be used so as to reduce risk of injury.
- ❑ 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 sections of floor unfinished at the end of a working day, relevant signage and/or barriers will be put in place.
- ❑ 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, Knee Pads, Masks, Safety Boots and Hi Viz will be worn as relevant for the particular type of floor and cement being laid.

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## 4.11 General Flooring Installation

### HAZARDS

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

- ❑ Manual Handling
- ❑ Slips, Trips and falls.
- ❑ Glues, epoxy, resin etc.

### Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

### General Control Measures

- ❑ All common controls from 4.11 on tiling and flooring will be applied.
- ❑ All controls related to hazardous substances in part 4.9 and all instructions on the MSDS will be followed.
- ❑ All carpet is supplied in fixed sizes that are used in sections as needed in the venue.
- ❑ All wooden floors are supplied in fixed sizes and lengths.
- ❑ Rolls are capable of being carried by one person but where possible all rolls will be handled by 2 staff.
- ❑ Trolleys are provided as needed for handling rolls.
- ❑ All rolls are secured to the floor as per manufacturers spec.
- ❑ All carpets and floors are inspected after installation to ensure no frayed, edges or raised sections.

### Hazard Summary and controls on Flooring:

Many solvent-based products are used in the installation and finishing of floors. They are often highly flammable and/or combustible and pose a significant risk of fire and explosion. As well, when improperly handled they may cause acute or chronic health effects in workers.

The process of floor installation and finishing usually involves the use of three kinds of product:

- An adhesive is used to apply flooring to concrete or other types of sub-floor.
- A sealer is applied to the surface.
- A varnish may applied as a top coat as soon as the sealer has dried.

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Improper handling of these products may present the following hazards:

**Fire or Explosion**

The use of these products in enclosed and poorly ventilated areas may cause a significant build-up of vapours, to a point where sparks or open flames can ignite the vapours, causing a fire or explosion.

**Inhalation of Vapours**

These products contain organic solvents and other substances: epoxies, urea-formaldehyde, polyurethane, and nitrocellulose resins and additives. If the products are improperly handled, workers can be exposed to high levels of solvent or other vapours. Prolonged and repeated exposure to high levels of these vapours may produce both acute and chronic adverse health effects.

**Direct Skin Contact**

Direct contact with these products can cause skin dermatitis and/or sensitization. Sufficient absorption through the skin could lead to adverse systemic health effects.

**Specific Control Measures:**

- ❑ The manufacturer's instructions included in the Material Safety Data Sheets shall be strictly followed.
- ❑ Adequate ventilation shall be provided to ensure a dilution rate of at least 25% of the Lower Explosion Limit (LEL) of the solvent vapour mixture in the air.
- ❑ All open flames and sources of ignition that may be present in the area itself or within the heating and ventilation systems shall be eliminated.
- ❑ All equipment present in the area shall be fire-resistant and explosion-proof.
- ❑ Adequate respiratory protection shall be provided and used. Respirators shall be fitted to ensure an effective seal between the respirator and the worker's face.
- ❑ A respirator program for the proper selection, use and maintenance of respirators shall be instituted. The program shall include written instruction for workers.
- ❑ Protective gloves or cream barriers shall be provided to prevent direct skin contact with these products.
- ❑ Workers shall be trained to follow good personal hygiene, in order to prevent skin dermatitis, sensitization and skin absorption.
- ❑ Adequate product-specific training shall be provided to workers.

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- ❑ Less toxic products should be used where these are available, to prevent both short-term and long-term adverse effects in workers.
- ❑ Less flammable or non-flammable and non-combustible products should be used where these are available.

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#### 4.12 Abrasive Wheels (Angle Grinders, only occasional use for tiles, etc.)

Note: As per the Abrasive Wheel Regulations 2016 (SI36 of 2016) all users of Abrasive Wheels have been authorised as per the register in the Appendix to this Safety Statement.

##### Hazards

- Disc bursting due to:
  - Incorrect disc fitted
  - Disc fitted incorrectly
  - 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.

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- 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 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.
- 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.
- Wheels should never be run in excess of the maximum speed recommended by the manufacturer.
- Abrasive wheels should be discarded:
  - When the diameter approaches that of the driving flanges.
  - When the work rest can no longer be correctly adjusted to the wheel diameter, or
  - When the wheel no longer cuts efficiently because of reduced peripheral speed.

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### 4.13 Power tools

**Risks Identified: Medium**

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.
- 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 to management.
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;

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- 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;
- 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;

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## 4.14 Driving for work

### Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

### Hazards

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

### DESCRIPTION

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

##### 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 =

### CONTROL MEASURES

- Good manual handling practice must be exercised in loading and unloading of the vehicle.
- Be very aware of your own capabilities

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- 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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**4.15 Ladders** (Ladders are only used on very occasional basis to access specific items, they are not used in general flooring work)**Risks Identified: High**

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

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

**Person at risk:**

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

**CONTROL MEASURES**

- Ladders must be in good condition, free from defects and to be inspected by a competent person before ladder is to be used.
- Ladder must be positioned on solid ground - if metal check that caps on the feet are in place and in good condition.
- Ladders to be used the correct way up - strengtheners to be on the underside of rungs.
- Ladders should not be painted as this hides defects.
- The ladder must be sited on a level surface and securely tied on both sides near its upper resting place. If it cannot be tied at the top, it must be held by a person stationed at the foot of the ladder.
- Ladders must extend at least 1m over landing stage and set at a slope of up to 4 up (75°)
- Workers to climb ladders with both hands free (i.e. not carrying materials)
- Move ladder along with work to prevent overreaching.
- If working near overhead cables, do not use metal ladders.
- Only one person at a time on a ladder
- Class 1 heavy duty ladders to be used in construction.
- If a ladder cannot be properly repaired, it must be scrapped
- Do not stand on top 2 rungs of step ladder

**Person responsible:**

Supervisor

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## 4.16 PALLET TRUCKS AND MHE

### HAZARDS

- May cause serious accident and injury to other members of staff.
- Reversing against operator.
- Collision with employee.
- Material falling from load.
- Truck/ M.H.E. colliding with objects.
- Standing on pallet forks while in motion.
- Unsafe pallets/badly damaged pallets.
- Poorly maintained pallet truck.
- Wet floors.
- Carrying excessive weight.
- Pallet being dropped on to operator's feet.

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

### CONTROL MEASURES

- Training of operators.
- Only trained personnel can use hand pallet truck/ M.H.E.
- No personnel allowed to stand on pallet trucks/ M.H.E
- Use pallet truck/ M.H.E. to lift maximum weight guidelines only.

### TRAINING

- All operators to receive in-house training in use of pallet truck.
- All hazards associated with truck must be clearly identified to operators
- Correct handling procedure to all operators.

### CONTROL DURING USE

- Always travel in reverse except when loading/unloading or when placing a pallet.
- Keep all body parts inside the confines of your M.H.E. when travelling.
- Do not dismount while M.H.E. is still moving.
- Do not carry passengers or ride on your M.H.E.
- Always travel at a safety speed to the area in which you are working.

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- Always be prepared to stop.
- When travelling with a load, always lift fully, when exiting a pallet make sure you are fully down, and looking in the direction in which you are travelling.
- Never "scoot" on a pallet truck.

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## 4.17 Angry or awkward members of the public

### HAZARDS

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

- Physical Abuse
- Verbal Abuse

### Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Difficult customers and others such as members of the general public such as guests at an event can expose staff to a risk of violence.

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

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

### Robbery/ Attempted Robbery

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

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

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## 4.18 Domestic Works

### HAZARDS

- ☐ Access and egress
- ☐ Poor weather
- ☐ Domestic animals
- ☐ Children

### RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

**NOTE:** Where the works come under the auspices of the Construction Regulations 2013 we will cooperate fully with the appointed Project Supervisor and/or Health and Safety Coordinator. Where the works are not under the 2013 Construction Regulations all other risk assessments or method statements apply.

### CONTROL MEASURES

- ☐ Park safely as close as possible to the dwelling.
- ☐ Ensure that appropriate clothing is available for weather conditions.
- ☐ Try to find out in advance if there are dogs or children present.
- ☐ Ask householder to keep dogs confined during visit.
- ☐ Be aware of children and children's toys possibly causing trip hazards.
- ☐ First aid kit is available in vehicle.
- ☐ Sensible clothing is worn to offer general protection from hazards such as Safety Shoes, Strong Trousers and long sleeve light jacket.
- ☐ Always ask permission before opening any closed doors within the dwelling.
- ☐ If there is a problem at the dwelling such as a family dispute, offer an alternative time for the assessment.

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**PART 5****ANNUAL REPORT****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:

External safety and health courses attended by our staff included:

**NEW SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS**

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

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### Safety Statement Document Review

#### MANAGER 2

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:	

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

#### SECTION A: To be completed by staff member with suggestion

Staff Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Suggestion:

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#### SECTION B: to be completed by Supervisor or Manager 2

Action Taken:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Template Method Statement for Clients when necessary.**

Contractor	Name:	Address:	Tel:
			E-mail:
Project Name			
Description of the Task/Activity			
Site Address/Location:		Start Date/Time:	
		Finish Date/Time	
Personnel Involved	Name	Role/Trade	
Site Supervisor:		Tel:	
Safety Officer		Tel:	
Key Plant & Tools (Attach Certification)			
Key Materials			
Other Essential Equipment:	(i.e. access platforms/winches/ladders, etc)		
Specific Identified Residual Hazards: (or refer to the task specific risk assessment(s))			

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Specific Staff  
Training

**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/MEWPS/Scaffold/Trestles/Step Ladder, etc)

**Fall Protection Measures:**

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

(i.e. Guard Rails/Toe Boards/Brick Guard/Safety Harnesses/Exclusion Zones, etc.)

**Hazardous Substances:**  
(Attach MSDS if required)



Very Toxic



Harmful/Irritant



Corrosive



Dangerous For the environment



Oxidising



Highly flammable



Explosives

**Applicable:**

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No


Yes/No

Yes/No

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Storage Arrangement s:	
Details of Permits to Work:	
SWL's:	(Detail any limits on the loadings applicable to temporary plant/equipment or fixed elements of the structure where the work is taking place)

Required Personnel Protective Equipment:							Other: 1. Hi-Viz 2. Coveralls 3.
	Safety Boots	Hard Hats	Safety Gloves	Hearing Protection	Eye Protection	Respiratory Protection	

Emergency Procedures:			
	First Aid Facilities:	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 companies health and safety Policy.

Prepared by:  
Position:  
Reviewed by:  
Position:

Date:

Date:



**We the undersigned accept that:**

- [illegible]

## **PART 8 Related Policies**

### **8.1 ABC Company Environmental Policy**

ABC Company will seek to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and to minimise environmental pollution in all their activities and, where possible, by its influence over others. We will strive for continual improvement in this area and take all reasonable measures to ensure our activities do not cause pollution.

We will at all times comply with the law in the ROI and with local bye laws in so far as they apply to the Environment. When setting performance targets for the company we will include measurable environmental targets and objectives.

The objective of this policy will be to identify our activities, analyse our environmental aspects and minimise the environmental impact of all operations.

All company personnel are trained on the environmental policy and strategy and its importance in mitigating and improving the company's environmental performance.

Measurable targets and objectives can be identified under:

- Consideration being 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.

This policy will be made available to the Public.

## **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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### Abrasive Wheel Authorisation and briefing record

**NOTE:** all employees must receive the Abrasive Wheel training before getting the equipment specific briefing and being entered into this authorisation.

No.	Employee name (Block)	Employee Signature	Specify equipment being authorised on	Note any equipment specific controls, etc.	Person Authorising	Date of authorisation	Notes
1							
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