

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The assessment of risk is the most important aspect of a safety management system. The results of the findings identify and evaluate significant hazards in the workplace. Once hazards have been identified, working procedures can be changed to remove or reduce these risks to acceptable levels and plans for improving information training and supervision can be instituted.

General Principles and Purpose of Risk Assessment

Regulation 3 of The Management of Health and Safety at Work 1999 requires all employers and self-employed people to assess the risks to workers and any others who may be affected by their work or business. This will enable them to identify the measures they need to comply with health and safety law. All employers should carry out a systematic general examination of the effect of their undertaking, their work activities and the condition of the premises.

Those who employ five or more employees should record the significant findings of that risk assessment.

A risk assessment is carried out to identify the risks to health and safety to any person arising out of, or in connection with, work or the conduct of their undertaking. It should identify how the risks arise and how they impact on those affected. This information is needed to make decisions on how to manage those risks so that the decisions are made in an informed, rational and structured manner, and the action taken is proportionate.

A risk assessment should usually involve identifying the hazards present in any working environment or arising out of commercial activities and work activities, and evaluating the extent of the risks involved, taking into account existing precautions and their effectiveness.

PFA Consulting provide consultancy advice covering Safety, Health and Environmental matters and would be pleased to undertake a review of your existing Risk Assessments and Health & Safety Policies and procedures.

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