

The Workplace Safety

Concern: Safety of Premises

Risks: Physical harm and ill health

Safety Policy 2.6.2.6 - Trustee Boards and Trustees

Must be satisfied, through appropriate assurance and monitoring activities, that this policy is being used effectively and to engage and consult with members on day-today health and safety conditions and ensure it is on the agenda at all meetings.

Are responsible for making sure that these requirements are met for all Scout premises or locations operated by them and therefore deemed to be the Managing Controller of the premises.

The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 cover a wide range of basic health, safety and welfare issues and apply to most workplaces, including non-domicile premises such as Scout Halls.

The term workplace also includes the common parts of shared buildings, private roads and paths on industrial estates and business parks, and temporary worksites.

People in control of non-domestic premises have a duty (under section 4 of the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act) towards people who are not their employees but use their premises.

Key Considerations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitary conveniences • Washing facilities • Drinking water • Lighting • Cleanliness • Waste materials • Maintenance • Floors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic routes • Doors, Gates, Walls, and Windows • Room dimensions and space • Ventilation • Temperatures in indoor workplaces • Workstations and Seating • Accommodation for clothing • Facilities for changing • Facilities for rest and to eat meals |
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Accessibility / Disabled Persons – Regulation 25a states: Where necessary, those parts of the workplace (including, doors, passageways, stairs, showers, washbasins, lavatories, and workstations) used or occupied directly by disabled persons at work shall be organised to take account of such persons

Premises Risk Assessment – This is necessary to demonstrate legal compliance and preventing accidents and monetary loss. It involves identifying hazards, evaluating the risks, and implementing control measures to protect employees, visitors, and the business itself from harm.

Safe Scouting Premises Audit - This audit is designed for those who manage and operate any Scouting premises and is focused on the delivery of safe scouting.

Fire Safety - Owners or occupiers of premises must carry out a fire safety risk assessment and keep it up to date. This shares the same approach as health and safety risk assessments and can be carried out either as part of an overall risk assessment or as a separate exercise.

Electricity and Gas Safety - Ensuring safety with electricity and gas involves regular inspection, maintenance, vigilance for warning signs, and knowing the correct emergency procedures.

Reference:

- [The Workplace \(HSW\) Regulations](#)
- [Workplace HSW - A short guide](#)

- [The Fire Precautions \(Workplace\) Regulations](#)
- [HSE Fire Safety](#)
- [Managing a safe Scout premises](#)