

The New Health and Safety Law Poster

From 6th April 2009, new versions of the HSE's health and safety poster and leaflet will be available for display in the workplace – see below.

A minimum of one poster will be required and in most circumstances this will be enough, providing that all employees get an opportunity to access it, this should be displayed at the main staff entrance. Some premises may require more than one poster to be displayed.

The following additional information needs to be included on the new poster:

Health and Safety Law
What you need to know

All workers have a right to work in places where risks to their health and safety are properly controlled. Health and safety is about stopping you getting hurt at work or ill through work. Your employer is responsible for health and safety, but you must help.

What employers must do for you	What you must do	If there's a problem
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decide what could harm you in your job and the precautions to stop it. This is part of risk assessment. In a way you can understand, explain how risks will be controlled and tell you who is responsible for this. Consult and work with you and your health and safety representatives in protecting everyone from harm in the workplace. Free of charge, give you the health and safety training you need to do your job. Free of charge, provide you with any equipment and protective clothing you need, and ensure it is properly looked after. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide toilets, washing facilities and drinking water. Provide adequate first-aid facilities. Report injuries, diseases and dangerous incidents at work to our Incident Contact Centre: 0845 300 9923 Have insurance that covers you in case you get hurt at work or ill through work. Display a hard copy or electronic copy of the current insurance certificate where you can easily read it. Work with any other employers or contractors sharing the workplace or providing employees (such as agency workers), so that everyone's health and safety is protected. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the training you have received when using any work items your employer has given you. Take reasonable care of your own and other people's health and safety. Co-operate with your employer on health and safety. Tell someone (your employer, supervisor, or health and safety representative) if you think the work or inadequate precautions are putting anyone's health and safety at serious risk.

Your health and safety representatives:
Please contact the HEALTH & SAFETY TEAM on 01743 252819

Other health and safety contacts:
UNISON - please contact 01743 252952
GMB - please contact 01785 255978
UNITE - please contact 01782 219800

Fire safety
You can get advice on fire safety from the Fire and Rescue Services in your workplace fire officer.

Employment rights
Find out more about your employment rights at:
www.direct.gov.uk

HSE infoline:
0845 345 0055
HSE website:
www.hse.gov.uk

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1) Please contact the Health and Safety Team on 01743 252819

2) Relevant Trade Union Contact Numbers

N.B. The above is an example of the information added to the Shirehall H&S Law Posters, you could also include your local area H&S Co-ordinator at no.1

Please also note: that a discount is available on request from HSE Books for bulk orders with a value of over £500.

The new law poster, pocket cards and other formats can be ordered from HSE Books - tel: 01787 881165.

The older version of the HSE law poster must be replaced with the new version by 5th April 2014.