

Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 - summary

For our purposes these Regulations apply to all workplaces, except construction sites and domestic premises. They do apply to temporary workplaces with respect to sanitary conveniences, washing facilities and facilities for rest and eating meals, so far as is reasonably practicable. The Regulations place the following obligations on employers:-

Reg. 5 - Maintenance of workplace, equipment, devices & systems - *including ventilation systems, emergency lighting, fencing, power doors etc.*

Reg. 6 - Ventilation - *provision of sufficient quantity of fresh or purified air. An audible fault warning alarm to be fitted to any equipment for this purpose.*

Reg. 7 - Temperature in indoor workplaces - *reasonable temperature with sufficient thermometers around except where very high or low temperatures are necessary for the job, e.g. in a cold store.*

Reg. 8 - Lighting - *to be suitable and sufficient, preferably natural. Emergency lighting to be installed where risks created by light failure.*

Reg. 9 - Cleanliness & waste materials - *walls, floors and ceilings to be capable of being kept clean. Wastes not to accumulate, but kept in bins etc.*

Reg. 10 - Room dimensions & space - *each person to have sufficient floor area, height & unoccupied space, usually around 11m³, except for kiosks etc.*

Reg. 11 - Workstations & seating - *suitable workstations & seating with adequate weather protection, and provision for rapid escape in an emergency.*

Reg. 12 - Condition of floors & traffic routes - *suitably constructed, not slippery or uneven, and adequately drained. Barriers for holes, edges and slopes.*

Reg. 13 - Falls & falling objects - *to prevent falls of >2 meters, or into dangerous substances. Covers working on roofs, loading of vehicles & racking*

Reg. 14 - Windows, transparent & translucent doors, gates & walls - *to be protected against breakage, and marked to make visible. Safety glazing.*

Reg. 15 - Windows, skylights and ventilators - *to provide safe opening methods, and not create risk. Barrier windows lower than 800mm above floor.*

Reg. 16 - Ability to clean windows - *provide safe cleaning methods. Anchorage for ladders >6 meters long, or safety harness anchorage.*

Reg. 17 - Organisation etc. of traffic routes - *ensure pedestrian safety by separation & properly identified traffic routes. Protection of pedestrians from reversing vehicles.*

Reg. 18 - Doors & gates - *of suitable construction, and designed to avoid injury whether sliding, upward opening or powered. Vision panel in 2-way doors.*

Reg. 19 - Escalators & moving walkways - *equipped with suitable safety devices and emergency stops.*

Reg. 20 - Sanitary conveniences - *sufficient numbers at readily accessible locations, separate male/female, adequately lit, ventilated and kept clean.*

Reg. 21 - Washing facilities - *sufficient and near conveniences, with hot & cold running water. Soap, towels or dryers to be provided. Separate male/female facilities.*

Reg. 22 - Drinking water - *an adequate supply to be available, and if not obvious, should be signed as "drinking water".*

Reg. 23 - Accommodation for clothing - *dirty and clean clothing storage facilities. Drying facilities should also be provided.*

Reg. 24 - Facilities for changing clothes - *if special clothing used, separate male and female changing facilities are required.*

Reg. 25 - Facilities for rest & to eat meals - *suitable & sufficient facilities to enable persons to eat away from workplace where risk of contamination. Non-smokers to be protected from smoke.*

See Regulations for full details of the above.

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