

Education Update: Health & Safety

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Agenda

- Important checks to conduct as we prepare for the summer months
- Hazards and risk assessments often overlooked in schools

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Important Checks to Conduct as we Prepare for the Summer Months

Play Equipment

(E.g. wooden trim trails, goal posts, netball hoops)

- Annual service and inspection by a competent person
- Periodic checks in-house (at least monthly)
- Pre-use checks by supervisors

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- Suitable risk assessment
- Regular, documented checks as specified in the scheme of controls
- Re-commissioning the system after low usage in summer

Hazards and Risk Assessments

The following hazards and risk assessments are often overlooked in Schools:

Manual Handling

- Manual handling tasks, especially when performed in an unsafe manner, can contribute to musculoskeletal disorders which can build over time and have a significant impact on employee's health
- It is vital that all employers, including schools, ensure that work activities are properly assessed, and employees properly trained in such tasks

What should you do?

- Provide basic training for low-risk tasks
- Conduct manual handling assessments and provide specific training for high-risk tasks, such as moving heavy furniture and gym equipment



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Hazardous Substances

- Some chemicals can have immediate and significant safety implications upon uncontrolled exposure
- Many will cause chronic health issues over time such as dermatitis from exposure to metal working fluids used in the DT department

What should you do?

- Conduct COSHH assessments, not just material safety data sheets
- Provide specific training to all staff who may use the substance



Live Q&A Session – 20 April

Join our experts from EPM, Avec and Southalls on
Tuesday 20th April from 2.00 - 3.00pm

We will be discussing the following topics:

Governance
Finance
Health & Safety
HR
Payroll
Safer Recruitment
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We look forward to seeing you there!





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