

COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

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1.1 APPLICATION

ABC Company provides services to the general public in their Tattoo Studio(s). The services range from Henna and Semi Permanent Tattoos to Fully Permanent Tattoos. Other services as requested by our clients may be provided from time to time and relevant assessments will be drawn up at that time.

This Safety Statement has been developed to assist ABC Company comply with relevant H&S standards and to ensure that clients and employees are fully aware of ABC Company's commitment to high standards in H&S.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE SAFETY STATEMENT

To provide a reference for the policies and procedures used in house. It is also used to assess and audit the levels of health and safety being achieved.

To provide evidence that the policies and procedures to ensure health and safety objectives are met and have been thought out and documented in order to help those who must execute them.

To provide a control document to record the pertinent changes to the Company Safety Statement, which become necessary due to the changing business environment.

To help identify training requirements that needs to be fulfilled in order to generate suitably qualified personnel to carry out the policies and procedures contained within the document.

To provide assurance that compliance with legal requirements for health and safety are being met or exceeded.

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1.3 COMPANY SAFETY STATEMENT

The general Statement on this page sets out the Safety Policy of ABC Company.

It is this Company's intention that its work will be carried out in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions of the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations and any other applicable regulations from those implemented under the auspices of the 2005 Act. All reasonable practicable measures will be taken to minimise risk to employees or others who may be affected by company activities.

Manager 2 has appointed themselves as having responsibility for managing Health, Safety & Welfare. Reference should be made to Manager 2, in the event of any difficulty arising in the implementation of this policy. Manager 2 will have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the provisions of this Safety Statement are implemented.

The Success of the policy will depend on the co-operation of all employees. It is therefore important that you acquaint yourself with all areas of the Safety Statement. You should ensure that you understand your role and the overall arrangements for Health & Safety within the Company and within your individual area. You should also be aware that you have an obligation to take care of your own safety and that of others that might be affected by your actions.

Signed: _____
Manager 2

Date: _____

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1.4 Policy Statement:

ABC Company is committed to, protecting the Safety, Health and Welfare of all employees at work, protecting the safety of others visiting the workplace, preventing property damage and ensuring its processes will not damage the environment. All reasonable and practicable steps to protect members of the public who may be affected either directly or indirectly by its activities will be followed.

All reasonable and practicable steps shall be taken through occupational risk assessment to ensure that workplace conditions, practices and procedures are safe and in compliance with relevant safety, health and welfare legislation.

All employees shall be adequately trained, supervised and equipped to carry out their duties and responsibilities in a safe manner, with all operating procedures clearly outlined. All employees will have access to the company's safety statement and should ensure that they are familiar with its content.

Where necessary employees shall be provided with suitable protective clothing, equipment and training where hazards cannot be eliminated using all reasonable practicable steps.

Accidents/incidents reported shall be investigated by ABC Company to determine the corrective action necessary to prevent recurrence.

This statement shall be revised as often as is necessitated by changes in legislation or the addition of new processes and equipment and all resources shall be provided to ensure its full implementation.

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1.5 Revision to the Safety Statement

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2.1 MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM

The objective of the Safety Management System is to satisfy our legal responsibilities and to exercise greater control of health and safety within our organisation, to protect people and control the business.

Management points that may be measured:

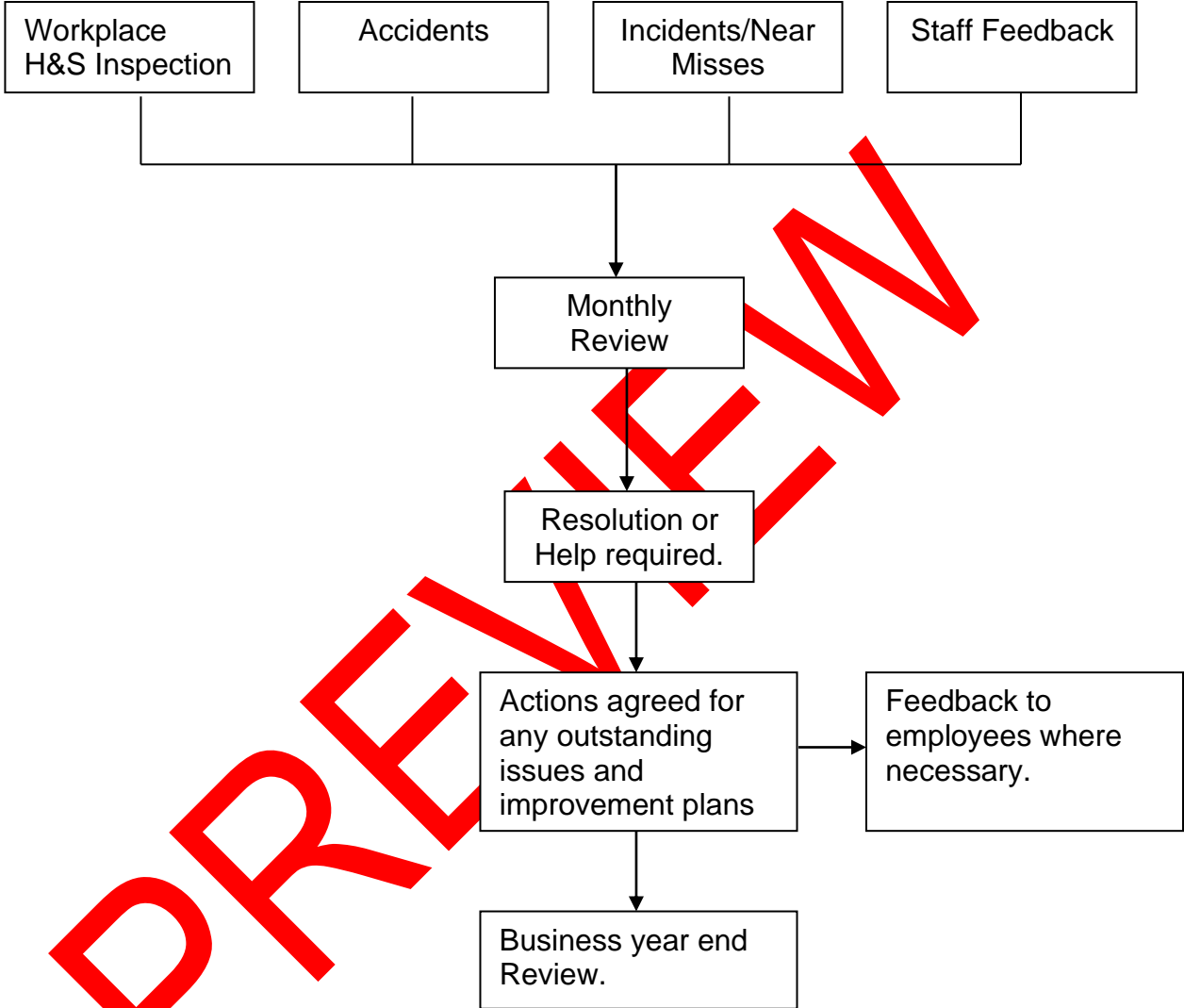
1. Workplace safety and housekeeping inspections
2. Staff suggestions and query forms
3. Induction and ongoing training
 - 3.1. First aid – as necessary
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 - 3.3. Safety Induction.
4. Safety critical equipment maintenance records
 - 4.1. Fire alarms
 - 4.2. Fire extinguishers
 - 4.3. First aid equipment
 - 4.4. Maintenance of the Therapy Equipment
5. Fire drill records
6. Risk assessments
 - 6.1. Initial assessments from xx/xx/xx
 - 6.2. Annual reviews after xx/xx/xx
7. Monthly Safety review (part of general management meetings)
 - 7.1. Minutes
 - 7.2. Action points
 - 7.3. Outstanding issues resolved
8. Safety Statement
 - 8.1. Implementation after xx/xx/xx
 - 8.2. Annual reviews after xx/xx/xx
9. Annual report

Records of all of the above points will be held within a Safety Management Folder. This folder is maintained by Manager 1.

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Health and Safety Management process for ABC Company

Process flow below indicates how Health and Safety issues and procedures are handled.



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2.2 Manager 2 (assisted by others as necessary)

- ❑ Manager 2 will be responsible for implementation of the procedures within the Safety Statement.
- ❑ Manager 2 bears the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively.
- ❑ Manager 2 is also responsible for ensuring that staff are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.
- ❑ Supervise the Company Health and Safety programme.
- ❑ Review all safety rules bi-annually and, when necessary, recommend suitable changes.
- ❑ Investigate all major accidents and damage to Company property and recommend action.
- ❑ Ensure that accident records are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that records of hazards/near miss reports are maintained.
- ❑ Ensure that the systems for ensuring that fire precautions are adequate.
- ❑ The Health, Safety, and Welfare of all employees are not compromised when all other performance standards are set.
- ❑ That adequate funding is reserved to meet regulatory needs of safety and health.
- ❑ That management will lead by example in adhering to stated policies to achieve the Company's aim to reduce accidents and health exposures.

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2.3 Other Supervisors or Asst Managers (if and when hired).

All Department Managers will be responsible for planned implementation of effective health and safety standards within their area of operation.

Department Managers bear the responsibility for ensuring that staff are given correct information and training for them to do their job effectively and that their work targets are realistic and do not compromise health and safety requirements.

They are also responsible for ensuring that staff reporting to them are supported in enabling them to reach the correct decisions in respect of health and safety matters.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❑ Ensure that all procedures are complied with for all new employees.
- ❑ Implement an efficient communication procedure so that all Personnel are aware of workplace standards as measured against the Company's Safety Policy and are provided with information on accidents and other safety, health and welfare information.
- ❑ Plan and co-ordinate safety training as necessary.
- ❑ Plan and supervise all work processes in a safe manner and in accordance with the standards set out in the Safety Statement.
- ❑ Ensure that all employees directly under your control are aware of their specific responsibilities.
- ❑ Provide assistance to staff in carrying out their responsibilities, particularly in determining the most appropriate order and methods of working.
- ❑ Allocate work in such a way that health and safety standards are not compromised.
- ❑ Know the location of the First Aid Box.
- ❑ Ensure that you know the procedure in the event of a fire.
- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to senior management.
- ❑ Commend Employees who by action or initiative eliminate hazards.

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2.4 All Employees

- ❑ All Employees are to co-operate with management in the wearing of the correct safety equipment, using the appropriate safety devices and following proper safe systems of work.
- ❑ All Employees are to co-operate in the investigation of accidents and the reporting of them and also the reporting to their supervisors of any local hazards of which they become aware.
- ❑ All Employees will be encouraged to promote ideas on the improvements of health and safety standards and also provide suitable suggestions for reduction in risks.
- ❑ All Employees are forbidden to interfere with or misuse any specified items of safety equipment or any safety device.
- ❑ All Employees are required to take care of their own health and safety and they should not indulge in horseplay, wilful unsafe acts or carry out or play practical jokes on other employees.
- ❑ Employees found guilty of wilful unsafe acts may be liable to summary dismissal.
- ❑ Employees are advised that strict requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act can be used by the enforcing authorities against such persons if found guilty of reckless behaviour.
- ❑ All employees must clean up their working area or assist in tidying up thereof and also to help maintain clear passageways and maintain high standards of local housekeeping and hygiene.
- ❑ Do not smoke in designated "No Smoking" areas and dispose of spent matches, cigarette ends etc. properly.
- ❑ Know the location of the First Aid Box.
- ❑ Ensure that you know the procedure in the event of a fire.
- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to management.

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2.5 OFFICE BASED STAFF (if and when hired)

- ❑ Read and understand the Company's Safety Statement and carry out your work in accordance with its requirements.
- ❑ Do not try to use, repair, or maintain any office equipment or machinery for which you have not received full instructions or training.
- ❑ Report any defects in office equipment or machinery immediately.
- ❑ Know the location of the First Aid Box.
- ❑ Ensure that you know the procedure in the event of a fire.
- ❑ Report any accident or damage, however minor, to management.
- ❑ Ensure that corridors, office floors, doorways etc. are kept clear and free from obstruction.
- ❑ Do not attempt to lift or move, on your own, articles or materials so heavy as likely to cause injury.
- ❑ Do not attempt to reach articles on high shelves unless using steps or a properly designated hop-up: do not improvise or climb.
- ❑ Suggest ways of eliminating hazards and improving working methods.
- ❑ Do not smoke in designated "No Smoking" areas and dispose of spent matches, cigarette ends etc. properly.

Guidance on workstations for office workers

The Company believes that our present level of activity and use of Visual Display Units (VDUs) represents no health and safety hazards to its employees greater than any other electrical appliances including the danger of tripping over loose cables or possible electric shocks. Nevertheless, there are guidelines for users of VDUs and indeed all desk-related activities, which we commend to office staff e.g.

- ❑ Avoid slouching and keep the curve in the lower back.
- ❑ Adjust the seat's backrest to support the lower back.
- ❑ Sit right back in the chair to gain adequate support.
- ❑ Use a footrest if the seat is too high.
- ❑ Avoid locations where VDUs will pick up sunlight or reflections.
- ❑ Adjust the height of the seat until the forearms are horizontal with the desk.
- ❑ Align hands with forearms and work with straight wrists.

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2.6 CONTRACTORS

The following responsibilities are allocated to contractors to whom ABC Company assigns work within the Studio:

- All contractors must submit their Safety Policies and Insurances to ABC Company for approval prior to being awarded any works.
- All Contractors will be expected to prepare a Method Statement appropriate to the works they will be engaged in.
- All contractors will be expected to comply with the ABC Company Policy for Health, Safety and Welfare and must ensure that their own Company's policy is made available to the ABC Company whilst work is being carried out.
- All work must be carried out in accordance with relevant statutory provisions.
- All plant and equipment brought onto site by contractors must be safe and in good working order, fitted with any necessary guards and safety devices and with any necessary certificates available for checking.
- Any injury sustained by a contractor's employee must be reported immediately to management at ABC Company.
- Contractors must comply with any safety instructions given by ABC Company management.
- ABC Company must be notified of any material or substance brought onto the premises which has health, fire, or explosive risks. Such materials must be stored and used in accordance with current recommendations.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAFE WORKING

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3.1 RESOURCES

ABC Company recognises that for the effective implementation of the safety procedures and policies laid down in this Safety Statement, adequate resources and funding must be made available.

ABC Company undertakes:

- To ensure that adequate numbers of suitably trained staff are available to undertake all work activities carried out by the company.
- To include health and safety considerations into all annual estimates for the running of the company.
- Undertake that in so far as is reasonably practicable resources shall be made available for any upgrading, maintenance, replacement and repair of facilities
- Undertake to provide resources for the ongoing monitoring of health and safety and for the provision of information and training of all staff in health and safety.

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3.2 SAFETY INDUCTION

This procedure will be carried out by ABC Company at the work place where the new employee will be required to work.

Apart from explaining to the new employee what he/she will be required to do and to whom he/she will be directly responsible the following points require highlighting:

1. Show new employee where the Safety Statement is kept, explain its purpose and ensure that the employee is aware of his/her responsibility.
2. Advise new employee of any potentially dangerous areas in the work place.
3. Warn new employee of any prohibited actions in the work place, e.g. operating machinery unless authorised to do so.
4. The training and instruction required for each individual must be considered. The supervisor will arrange for specific training to be given to an employee.
5. Show new employee the location of the First Aid Box and explain the procedure in the event of an accident, in particular the necessity to record accidents, however trivial they may appear at the time.
6. Demonstrate to the new employee the fire and evacuation procedure and assembly points.
7. Instruct the staff member in relation to any job specific risk assessments.

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3.3 TRAINING

HAZARDS

Inadequately trained staff are a hazard to themselves and their co-employees. ABC Company shall identify the training needs of their staff and ensure they are fulfilled.

It is the Policy of ABC Company that every employee will receive safety training on an ongoing basis. All new personnel will receive safety training as part of their induction. Staff training is not only concerned with imparting facts but also with notifying staff to face up to their responsibilities and to be equipped to deal with emergencies.

Training will include safety induction and safety awareness, manual handling training and First Aid training.

ABC Company will keep training records to include:

1. Name of the employee being trained.
2. Date of training.
3. Training details.
4. Signature of the trainer and employee to ensure that the training has been carried out, documented and understood.

Staff will be trained to spot and act on hazards and encouraged to consult with management on health and safety issues.

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3.4 SAFETY CONSULTATION

Section 13 of the 2005 Act places a general obligation on ABC Company as employer to consult with and to take account of any representations made by the employees of the Studio for the purpose of giving effect to its statutory duties.

To facilitate consultation on issues relating to the individuals safety at work, the company operates a Suggestion or Query form.

Staff members complete a form as needed. The forms are reviewed on a regular basis by Manager 1.

Manager 1 will seek more information as necessary from the relevant staff member and will then agree any actions arising from the Suggestions or Concerns if necessary.

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3.5 SAFETY REPRESENTATION

In agreement with the 2005 Act the employees of the Studio may select and appoint a person, to be called a Safety Representative, from their numbers at their place of work to represent them in consultations with ABC Company.

However, at the moment, it has not been necessary to elect a Safety Representative. As the company grows it is accepted that this position may change.

The rights of the Safety Representative include:

1. Information from the employer as necessary and particularly from the Safety Statement, to ensure the Safety Health and Welfare of employees.
2. To be informed by the employer of a visit by the H.S.A. Inspector.
3. Investigate accidents and dangerous occurrences provided it does not interfere with the performance of any statutory obligation required to be performed by any person.
4. Make representations to and receive advice from the H.S.A.
5. Carry out inspections and investigate hazards and complaints subject to agreement.
6. Accompany a H.S.A. Inspector on any visit except when this is for accident investigation.
7. Time off as may be reasonable to act as Safety Representative or to acquire the knowledge to carry out that function.

ABC Company will facilitate the Safety Representative in carrying out their functions as defined in the Act and as outlined above.

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3.6 FIRST AID

CONTROL MEASURES

The first aid box should be suitably marked and easily accessible.

The exact location of the First Aid box must be known by all employees and a specific notice, identifying its whereabouts, must be posted to include names of qualified First Aiders.

It is the company's policy that First Aiders shall be appointed who have certificates of qualifications in Occupational First Aid to ensure adequate cover for all activities.

The first aid boxes are suitably marked and easily accessible. The location is follows;

- **Main Studio Area**
- The First Aid Boxes is inspected on a weekly basis by Manager 1. This check and replenishment is recorded and kept on file.
- When Studio employees are visiting at a Client's house (Weddings, etc.) they will bring a small first aid kit with them.
- It should be noted that First Aiders are not empowered to dispense analgesics, pills, or medications. Supplies of such items will not be in first aid boxes. Individual employees who believe they might have a need of these items must be responsible for their own supplies.

Names of First Aiders

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The following contents are required in a first aid box:

- Card giving general first aid guidance.
- Individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings.
- Sterile eye pads, with attachment, e.g. Standard Dressing No. 16 BPC.
- Triangular bandages (sterile).
- Safety pins.
- Blue Plasters
- A selection of Unmedicated wound dressings which should include:
 - Medium size sterile unmedicated dressings (approx. 10cm x 8cm, e.g. Standard Dressings Nos. 8 and 13 BPC).
 - Large size sterile unmedicated dressings (approx. 13cm x 9cm, e.g. Standard Dressings Nos. 9 and 14 BPC and the Ambulance Dressing No. 1).
 - Extra large sterile unmedicated dressing (approx. 28cm x 17.5cm, e.g. Ambulance Dressing No. 3).
- It is also recommended that a pair of latex gloves be included in each first aid kit for use by the first aider.

PROCEDURE & RECORD KEEPING

- In the event of an accident, a qualified first-aid person will be responsible for dispensing any first aid material.
- All issues of first aid consumables and the relevant treatment must be entered on the accident report form.
- The relevant trained first-aid person with Manager/Supervisor on duty will be responsible for completing the form.

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3.7 REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS, DISEASES AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

All accidents and dangerous occurrences must be reported.

- ❑ **Accident report Form**
 - ❑ The accident report form must be completed for all accidents. Copies of this form are available from Manager 1.
 - ❑ All injuries must be reported on the worksheet also.
- ❑ **Health & Safety Authority**
 - ❑ If an accident occurs either at the place of work or related to a place of work or work activity and causes loss of life to a person who is employed by the Company or disables any person for more than three days from performing his/her normal duties of employment, then written notice must be given to the Health and Safety Authority at this web link <https://webapps.hsa.ie/CIRW/index.php>.
 - ❑ If the accident is fatal, then the scene of the accident must be left undisturbed for three days after notice has been given, other than for rescue purposes.

CONTROL MEASURES

- ❑ **All Accidents, near misses and Dangerous Occurrences**
 - ❑ Management, in consultation with the First Aid person, will decide upon the immediate action required in the event of an accident. A medical opinion should be sought in all but the most trivial of injuries.

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3.8 WELFARE FACILITIES

Adequate toilet facilities shall be provided and maintained in a good clean hygienic condition.

Adequate washing facilities and washing and drying materials/equipment shall be provided and maintained.

Arrangements for eating foodstuffs shall be provided in the form of a tea room or small area off the Studio floor.

An adequate supply of drinking water shall be provided on the premises.

Adequate cloakroom facilities shall be provided for the storage of wet coats, etc.

Safe access and egress shall be maintained at all times.

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3.9 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

ABC Company shall ensure that all employees use Personal Protective Equipment where required.

HAZARDS

- Physical Exposures
- Chemical Exposures
- Machine exposures

CONTROL MEASURES

All safety equipment purchased by the Studio will be to approved standards.

ABC Company will ensure that adequate supplies of all the necessary protective clothing and equipment is available for issue as required and that when issued to employees, a signature is obtained for the equipment.

Management will inform any person in the workplace observed carrying out any procedures which require the use of protective clothing or equipment of both statutory and Company Policy requirements and such persons will be instructed not to continue working until protective clothing or equipment is obtained and used. This applies not only to all employees (including management) but also to contractors.

All PPE is signed for upon issue and replacement PPE may not be issued unless the damaged item has been returned for inspection.

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3.10 SMOKING POLICY

The Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Act 2004 became law on Monday 29th March 2004. This means that smoking will not be permitted in any enclosed workplace.

In order to comply with the above legislation and for other Safety and Health reasons, it is the policy of ABC Company that all of our work areas are smoke free. The Organisation recognises that all employees have a right to work in a smoke free environment. All staff have a legal obligation to comply with the legislation. Smoking is prohibited throughout the workplace with no exceptions. This policy applies to all employees, trainees, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors who enter the premises of ABC Company.

Implementation

The overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the occupier, manager or other person designated, for the time being, in charge of the workplace. All staff have an obligation to adhere to, and facilitate the implementation of this policy. All new and prospective employees, consultants and contractors shall be given a copy of the policy on hiring, recruitment/induction by the person in charge.

Infringements

Infringements of the No Smoking policy will be dealt with, in the first instance, under employee disciplinary procedures. Employees, trainees, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors who contravene the law prohibiting smoking in the workplace are also liable to prosecution.

Smoking cessation

Information on how to obtain help quitting smoking is available from the National Smokers Quitline on callsave 1850 201203 or the Health Promotion Department of local Health Boards.

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3.11 DRUGS AND ALCOHOL POLICY STATEMENT

ABC Company recognises that alcohol, drugs, or other substance abuse by individuals can have an adverse effect on their ability to perform work and consequently put themselves, the Company and others at significant risk.

All Employees, Contractors, Sub - Contractors and Visitors must be able to perform their duties whilst on company business, or when they are in Company premises/ work areas in such a manner that will not affect their safety or the safety of others by acts or omissions.

If the Company has reasonable grounds to suspect that an Employee or Contractor or Sub Contractor is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (illegal or misused legal substances), disciplinary action will be taken which may lead to dismissal of the individual concerned.

The possession, distribution or sale of drugs or any associated materials whilst you are on company property, company owned vehicles or other off site locations, will lead to disciplinary action being taken.

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3.12 Bullying at Work Policy

ABC Company recognises and accepts its responsibilities as an employer to provide a safe and healthy working environment for employees. As part of the policy of maintaining good employer practice, ABC Company wishes to clearly state that bullying of any kind will not be tolerated.

Bullying at work is defined as: 'Persistent criticism and personal abuse, both in public and in private which humiliates and demeans the individual, gradually eroding their sense of self. Bullying can be best described as repeated inappropriate behaviour, whether verbal, physical, or otherwise, conducted by one or more persons against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment, which could reasonably be regarded as undermining the individual's right to dignity at work. An isolated incident of the behaviour described in this definition may be an affront to dignity at work, but as a once off incident is not considered to be bullying.

ABC Company will strive to ensure that all employees are free to perform, their work in an environment, which is free from threat, harassment and intimidation. All complaints of objectionable or offensive behaviour should be made to either Manager 1, Manager 2 or the Safety Representative.

Manager 2 gives the undertaking to investigate all complaints sensitively and will resolve locally, if possible, the source and cause of the bullying behaviour. If the circumstances warrant it, the Company will not be deterred in invoking the formal disciplinary / grievance procedures.

All employees are invited to strive in ensuring that our working environment remains a pleasant and friendly atmosphere.

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3.13 Young persons and inexperienced workers policy

ABC Company does not employ inexperienced workers. ABC Company do not offer permanent work to any persons under the age of 18.

New employees who are experienced in their profession receive in-house induction training and spend an agreed period of time working with experienced staff.

Where ABC Company choose to offer work experience placements to school children (typically from transition year programmes) the Health and Safety requirements of the relevant school shall be followed. While on the premises these schoolchildren will be supervised at all times and shall not be asked to undertake any tasks for which they do not have suitable knowledge, skills and experience.

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3.14 Policy and Protection for Covid 19 outbreak

COVID-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a Coronavirus virus called Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. The virus caused a worldwide Pandemic through 2020, 2021 and the early part of 2022.

Due to the significant Deaths, levels of Illness and disruption that this virus caused, the Government issued a series of directives and regulations regarding the management of Covid 19 in the workplace. As of the 28th of February 2022, these restrictions began to be unwound. The final restrictions with regard to international travel were lifted on the 4th of March 2022.

Return to Work Process

As the Pandemic eased, we returned to work as per the Protocols provided by Government and the resources provided by the Department of Health, HSE and HSA. It is no longer necessary to maintain these procedures so they are now being halted in our workplaces.

The Future

As of the date of this policy, Covid 19 is still in circulation in the community. We are in agreement with Government and believe that the level of Vaccination in the community is now at a level that is providing protection. We will however hold on to our Hygiene Supplies, PPE, Documentation and any other material so that they are available in the event of a pandemic recurring.

Advice to staff

As mentioned above, the virus is still in circulation, therefore we give the following advice to staff:

- ✓ Keep yourself up to date on current information from the HSE
- ✓ Ensure you are aware of the Symptoms of Covid 19
- ✓ If you have symptoms, arrange for a test as per the prevailing HSE guidelines and follow the HSE requirements regarding isolation or restricting movements.
- ✓ Maintain good hand hygiene at all times.
- ✓ Wear your mask in crowded space or when working closely with another person.
- ✓ Continue to sanitise any shared equipment in the workplace.

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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL MEASURES

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4.1 HAZARD INSPECTIONS

The management of the Company recognises that its activities and premises may present Health and Safety risks and shall identify the areas where control measures are required. Identification of hazards shall be undertaken at regular intervals and management shall take all practicable control measures to reduce the risks to its staff and visitors.

Hazards will be identified, risk assessments made and categorised as per our risk assessment formula.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- The policy of the Company is to identify hazards in the place of work and to assess the risk to Safety and Health and to control risks as far as is practicable so that they are reduced to an acceptable level.
- "Hazard" is taken to mean "any substance, article, material or practice, which has the potential to cause harm to the Safety, Health or Welfare of employees at work."
- "Risk" is taken to mean "the potential for the hazard to cause harm in the actual circumstances of use."
- Risk Assessment is based on the linking of the probability of occurrence with the severity of loss and/or injury. In this exercise, risks are graded "High," "Medium" or "Low" and numerically rated using the formula below. This is to help with the giving of priority to the employment of controls and the allocation of resources.

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The formula to be used for conducting risk assessments, assessing the risk from observed infringements/hazards or after an Audit, is shown here. Very minor injuries should score 1 while very serious ones will score higher, personal judgement is needed here. Likewise with the likelihood, 1 is very unlikely that anybody would be exposed to the hazard, while 6 means definite exposure to the hazard. Again personal judgement is needed.

Once the two scores are agreed they should be multiplied, thus giving a risk rating between 1 and 36.

Scores:

1-6 = Very Low risk

7-12 = Low Risk

13-18 = Low to Medium Risk

19-24 = Medium risk

25-30 = Medium to High Risk

31-36 = High Risk, stop the activity and implement immediate controls.

Risk Calculation Matrix

	How likely is an injury					
How serious will the injury be	1	2	3	4	5	6
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

Notes:

Hazards = Things that can cause and injury.

Risk = The likelihood of an injury happening.

- Risk Control measures are intended to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
- Where practicable the Company commits itself to the elimination of hazards, whether that is by the provision of access arrangements, machine guarding or the provision of special tools etc.

This approach will take into account normal good practice within this sector of industry and the standards and guidelines where these are available.

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4.2 FIRE

FIRE HAZARDS

The fire safety arrangements for ABC Company are set out below.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

A Fire Safety Programme shall be developed when appropriate by management to:

- (a) Guard against an outbreak of fire
- (b) Ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the safety of persons (including members of the public) on the premises in the event of an outbreak of fire.

The Fire Safety Programme shall incorporate arrangements for:

- (a) The prevention of an outbreak of fire through the establishment of day to day fire prevention practices.
- (b) The instruction and training of staff to familiarise them with fire and emergency evacuation procedures, fire call points and use of fire fighting equipment.
- (c) Taking part in client fire and evacuation drills.
- (d) The provision and maintenance of escape routes, free from obstruction and all exits unlocked and operational.
- (e) The provision of adequate fire protection equipment and systems.
- (f) The inspection and maintenance of the fire protection equipment systems.
- (g) The provision of assistance to the fire authorities.

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- (h) The maintenance of good housekeeping practice to ensure the removal of all combustible rubbish.
- (i) The testing and maintenance of portable heating appliances, and ensuring that all electrical equipment is switched off and unplugged when not in use.

4.2.1 FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The purpose of portable fire fighting equipment is as follows:

1. Extinguish incipient fires
2. Protect means of escape in case of fire
3. Protect employees and visitors
4. Protect property.

Portable Fire Extinguishers

Portable fire extinguishers will be provided in sufficient numbers to give adequate cover as per the advice of our Fire Protection Company.

Action in the event of fire

1. Clear everyone from the immediate vicinity of the fire except those actually authorised to engage in fire fighting.
2. Alert other staff in the immediate area of the fire. Contact the Fire Brigade, giving them the address clearly and any other directions necessary. Advise the Client Manager or Deputy pending arrival of the Fire Brigade.
3. If there is no danger by doing so, try to put out the fire with the apparatus provided, but remember our equipment will only be effective on a small fire - you must catch it before it gets hold.
4. Use the break glass fire alarm.
5. The manager of the area will order evacuation of the building as soon as it becomes apparent that the fire or smoke is spreading.
6. Employees should not delay their departure to collect personal belongings from another part of the building and should

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assemble at the designated assembly point so that they can be quickly accounted for.

7. Make sure that the building is cleared of employees and visitors. Close doors. See that no unauthorised person enters the building.

4.2.2 MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE

It is essential that escape routes be established, clearly identified and maintained available for use and that the protection afforded them is not impaired in the operation of the premises.

No person shall obstruct a means of escape. Fire exit routes and doors must never be obstructed.

4.2.3 FIRE DRILL

Fire drills are undertaken twice per year.

4.2.4 FIRE WARDEN NAMES

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4.3 ACCESS AND EGRESS

HAZARDS

Inadequate access and egress facilities can result in:

- Restriction of an orderly evacuation of the premises
- Trips and falls
- Obstruction of emergency exits

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

All doors and access points shall be kept clear and maintained.

All passageways shall be kept clear of obstruction.

All floor covering and surfaces shall be kept clean and in good condition.

Adequate lighting shall be provided at all entry, exit points and along corridor and passageways.

Waste shall be removed regularly and systematically stored in a secure place until collected for disposal.

It is vital that all fire escape routes are not obstructed at any time.

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4.4 HOUSEKEEPING

HAZARDS

Poor housekeeping can pose a wide variety of risks to health and safety.

- Trips:- Materials left lying in the open
- Slips:- On a greasy floors, slippery material strewn around
- Falls:- Use of materials for accessing higher work areas.
- Collisions:- Blockage of access aisles with materials
- Objects falling on people:- Improper stacking of materials
- Fire:- Inadequately and infrequent disposal of combustible rubbish.

Risk Assessment:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Staff will ensure that access routes are planned, and storage is programmed to ensure that excess materials are not stored on site, storage areas are defined, staff/sub-contractors are made aware of the Company requirements with regard to storage, clearing up and tidiness.

Employees must maintain the workplace in a tidy condition at all times.

Employees to ensure that materials are stored so as not to create difficulties.

Employees will ensure that all waste materials in and around the premises are cleared and disposed of safely.

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4.5 MANUAL HANDLING

HAZARDS

- Incorrect method of lifting
- Attempting to lift something which is too heavy
- Lifting sharp/awkward shapes

The main injuries associated with manual handling and lifting are:

- Back strain, slipped disc.
- Hernias.
- Lacerations, crushing of hands or fingers.
- R.S.I.
- Bruised or broken toes or feet.
- Various sprains, strains, etc.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Loads which must be manually handled shall be assessed on the basis of their risk to health and safety and due caution exercised where there is a risk of back injury etc. The method of handling shall take account of the size, weight, shape, condition and position of the load to be handled.

Where possible measures shall be taken to reduce the amount of manual handling to a minimum and mechanical handling devices supplied and used in so far as is reasonably practicable.

All appropriate staff shall be trained in safe manual handling techniques as per the HSA Simple Safety Series http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Topics/Simple_Safety/ .

Where loads have to be manually handled, safe access shall be assured.

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4.6 ELECTRICITY

Set out below are the general controls for the company.

HAZARDS

- Electric Shock
- Fire
- Trips or falls from loose cables

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Dangerous or defective cabling should be replaced or remedied in accordance with the E.T.C.I.'s rules.
- All new electrical installations and all extensions are tested and certified as safe, by a competent qualified electrician.
- Electrical installations are checked regularly by a competent qualified electrician.
- Testing, certifying and repairs are carried out in accordance with appropriate Electro Technical Council of Ireland (E.T.C.I.) standards.
- Enclosures/covers are in place to prevent contact with live electrical equipment/parts.
- Damaged extension leads are repaired or removed from use.
- Means of cutting off power to electrical installations and equipment e.g. fuses, trip switches, are provided and employees are aware of their locations.
- Work on live electrical equipment is avoided where reasonably practicable.
- Fire extinguishers that are suitable for fighting electrical fires are provided.
- All circuits supplying socket outlets are protected by a Residual Current Device (RCD).
- Operation of the RCD is tested regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Where electrical portable appliances are subject to ongoing wear and tear, they are inspected and tested.
- Any scorch marks associated with an electrical appliance or electrical wiring is checked urgently by a competent person.
- Flexible cables will also be adequately protected against external mechanical damage.

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- Flexible cables for portable equipment will be properly mechanically restrained within plugs and couplers.
- A record should be kept of each item of equipment so that maintenance can be scheduled and recorded.
- Where appropriate all equipment not in use to be switched off, especially at the end of a working, unless of a specialist type, e.g. servers, etc.
- Sufficient sockets shall be provided to prevent overloading by use of adapters.
- Proper plugs shall always be fitted to electrical appliances and flex firmly clamped.
- Frayed and damaged cables shall be replaced immediately.

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4.7 OFFICES

HAZARDS

- While office work may not be considered as a high-risk activity unsafe work systems and layout may result in injury or illness.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Adequate office space is allocated for the working personnel.
- All furniture, fittings and equipment shall be arranged so that staff can move about without collision with sharp corners of desks etc.
- Only one drawer of a filing cabinet shall be opened at any one time. All drawers should be closed after use.
- Sufficient lighting and ventilation shall be provided.
- Electric or telephone cables shall not trail unprotected across the floor. Cable covers shall be supplied and used.
- Chairs desks or drawer should never be used to access higher areas. Step ladders shall be used.
- All items stored above head level shall be stored properly to prevent falling.
- The mains power supply shall be disconnected before attempting to move electrical equipment.
- All damaged floor covering, furniture equipment or machinery shall be reported, replaced, or repaired.
- Before using chemicals (e.g. photocopier toners) read the instructions on the container and avoid contact with skin or clothing.
- Floor areas shall be kept clear of materials and litter.

Dangerous waste e.g. broken glass, bulbs, shall be properly disposed of.

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4.8 VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS (VDU'S)

HAZARDS

The main problems that may be associated with VDU's are as follows:

(a) Visual Discomfort

This recognises a contribution from a number of ocular problems:

- (1) long/short sight problems
- (2) glare
- (3) lighting
- (4) screen brightness
- (5) clarity of characters.

(b) Posture

Good adjustable seating is required and it is essential to consider ergonomic factors.

(c) Radiation

Radiation levels across virtually the whole of the electro-magnetic spectrum are below internationally accepted exposure limits when tested under extreme conditions, i.e. close to the screen.

(d) Stress

The work at a VDU can be repetitive and monotonous. This is not exclusive to VDU users as mental stress is associated with all types of work.

On the basis of available evidence, the 'health hazards' associated with VDU's are largely exaggerated in the sense that they are unlikely to cause irreversible long term damage as opposed to varying degrees of discomfort.

Risk Assessment:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

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CONTROL MEASURES

- Each workstation shall be assessed to ensure the individual's health is not likely to be put at risk.
- The Display Screen Assessment sheet in the appendix shall be used for this purpose.
- Be sure that VDU screens meet the appropriate criteria for performance, brilliance, character design, etc.
- The intensity of the beam, the brightness of the dots against the background and their time persistence are the most important determinants of operator 'safety'.
- This underlines the importance of keeping VDU's in good condition.
- It is important that chairs are correctly selected and used and that their siting is at an optimum distance from the machine.
- Lighting, ventilation and temperature must be carefully controlled to provide satisfactory environmental conditions.
- There should be a restriction on continuous use:
- Over two hours with pauses of between 5-10 minutes before further use.
- In this respect, short, frequent intervals are more beneficial than infrequent long breaks.
- The total time of continuous work at a VDU should be restricted to 6 hours per day.
- Vision should be tested before operating a VDU and at yearly intervals, or earlier if symptoms are experienced. Spectacle wearers should consult their optician.
- Epileptics should see a medical adviser before starting work.

If there is any untoward incidence of VDU related problems medical advice must be sought.

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4.9 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

HAZARDS

Health hazards from substances can be divided into the following categories:

- External contact - corrosive, skin absorption, dermatitis.
- Inhalation - gases, fumes, vapours.
- Ingestion - swallowing.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Only products from reputable established companies will be purchased and used on clients.
- Any out of date products will be returned to the supplier.
- Barrier creams, gloves and ventilation will be used if any member of the Studio staff displays signs of Dermatitis or Asthma.
- All cleaning materials, specialist products and other substances are listed in a safety file.
- All cleaning materials, specialist products and other substances have an up to date Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on file.
- The control measures listed in the MSDS are followed.
- All cleaning materials, specialist products are stored in an appropriate unit that can contain spillages where needed.
- Procedures planned to handle or use any hazardous substance or process are carried out fully.
- Any, equipment, hygiene measures or protective clothing are provided and maintained as required.
- All measures necessary to protect other workers and the general public from any substance hazardous to health will be provided and maintained.

Employee notes

- Look for signs of leaks, wear and damage.
- If you find any problems, tell your supervisor. Don't just carry on working.
- Clear up blood spills immediately. Mop up with swabs or tissues, put these in the clinical waste bin, then disinfect the surface.

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- Throw away single-use gloves every time you take them off. Then wash your hands.
- Never clean your hands with concentrated cleaning products or solvents.
- Check your skin regularly for dryness or soreness – tell your supervisor if these symptoms appear.

Equipment

- Keep the workplace well ventilated, with a through draught.
- Use sterile single-use instruments wherever possible.
- Sterilise all reusable equipment that can be contaminated with blood, etc. This includes semi-permanent tattooing equipment. Use a steam steriliser.
- Work surfaces (e.g. floors, tables, couches) must be smooth and impervious to aid cleaning.
- Blood contamination means that swabs, gloves etc are clinical waste.
- Put these in a clinical waste container. Use a licensed waste contractor.
- Caution: Never decant product into an unlabelled container. Never re-use a container. Dispose of it safely or return it to the supplier.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Follow the instructions on product labels.
- Provide protective gloves - single-use gloves are acceptable. If latex gloves must be used, use only 'low-protein, powder-free' gloves.
- Throw away single-use gloves every time they are taken off, and wash hands.
- Provide a disposable plastic apron and splash-proof eye protection.
- Cover all cuts and any broken skin.
- Skin creams are important for skin condition. They help in washing contamination from the skin. After-work creams help to replace skin oils.
- Caution: 'barrier creams' do not make a full barrier.

Procedures

- Check that containers are easy to pour from, don't dribble, and don't trap liquid in a rim.
- If possible, buy products in a ready-for-use solution.
- Store products securely in a cool, dry, dark place, capable of keeping in spills.

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- Read the instructions on the label carefully - follow the instructions for use.
- Keep products off your skin - wash off any splashes immediately.
- Make up only as much solution as you will need for immediate use.
- Put the cap back on the container immediately.
- Write down your procedures for dealing with clinical waste.

Special Care

- Contact with many products can lead to dermatitis. Some can also damage the eyes.
- Check that tattoo and micro-pigmentation inks are sterile - see the data sheet.
- Try to avoid chloroethane (ethyl chloride) as a skin anaesthetic. This chemical may cause cancer.
- Never add any other chemical to concentrates that contain bleach (sodium hypochlorite solution). This can cause a dangerous gas (chlorine) to be given off.

Maintenance, examination and testing

- Follow instructions in maintenance manuals - keep equipment in effective and efficient working order.
- Steam sterilisers require regular examinations and tests. Seek advice from your insurance provider.
- Keep records of these tests.

Cleaning and housekeeping

- Keep the work area clean.
- Wash out mixing equipment after use. Dispose of this waste liquid safely.
- Write down your sterilisation procedures and make sure these are followed.
- Sterilise reusable equipment as soon as possible after use.
- Clean out ultrasonicators at the end of every day.
- Disinfect shower heads once a week.
- Clean up spills promptly - practise how to do this.

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4.10 Ladders (step ladder only for decorations, etc.)

HAZARDS

Note: Ladders must only be used for short periods and only where there is no suitable alternative.

- Items falling from ladders
- Working from ladders
- Throwing waste material from ladders
- Overreaching/Overbalancing
- Ladders Falling/Falls from Ladders
- Defective Ladders

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

Risk Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Maintenance of ladders and folding step-ladders.

- Ladders are only used by ABC Company for short periods and only for accessing items stored on shelving etc. in the offices or removal of seasonal decorations and other similar activities.
- Ladders and folding step-ladders must be of good construction, of suitable and sound material and of adequate strength for the purpose for which it is used and must be properly maintained.
- Ladders must not be used if one or more rungs are missing or where one or more rungs are defective.
- Rung must be properly fixed to the stiles or sides.

Use of ladders and folding step-ladders

- Any part of a building or other structure used to support a ladder or folding step-ladder must be of sound material and sufficiently stable and sufficiently strong to give safe support.
- Ladders standing on a base (e.g. standing on the ground) must:
 - Be securely fixed
 - Have level and firm footing and must not stand on loose items such as bricks, boxes or other loose packing,
 - Be secured where necessary to prevent undue swaying or sagging

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4.11 Machinery, Equipment and Maintenance

HAZARDS

- Electricity
- Trapps and catches
- Poor maintenance
- Missing guards
- Moving parts

Risks Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

In general the use of machinery and equipment in the Studio is confined to low-risk items, which do not present any significant hazards.

However notwithstanding this the following precautions are taken.

Person at risk:

Employees / Sub-Contractors / Visitors / Others

CONTROL MEASURES

General

The following precautions are taken when using machinery and equipment.

- All guarding, safety devices must be in place and working properly at all times.
- All machinery and equipment must be used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.
- Machinery and equipment must be properly maintained and all faults to be reported and corrected immediately.

Maintenance

ABC Company recognises that there may be additional risks associated with maintenance activities, due to such factors as need to remove guarding, disable safety features such as interlocks, electrical safety issues, etc. In order to minimise the risks involved in maintenance activities, the Business takes the following actions.

- No maintenance is carried out by general staff, other than routine cleaning and similar activities which can be carried out without disassembling the equipment or disabling safety measures in any way.
- All maintenance is carried out by suitably capable and experienced staff or by outside suppliers.

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- This competence includes:
 - Appropriate knowledge of the machinery and equipment
 - Relevant health and safety requirements (in the case of suppliers, they are checked to ensure that they meet the appropriate requirements, and this is generally demonstrated by the availability of a safety statement).
 - Outside suppliers are informed of any relevant health and safety information such as emergency evacuation procedures; any specific hazards on the premises, etc.
 - All machinery must be completely returned to correct operational condition by maintenance personnel before it is put back into operation. Examples are: replacement of machine guarding, re-activation of interlocks, electrical protection devices, etc.

4.13 Noise

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Because of the nature of the business, there is no risk from noisy operations (i.e. no risk that the action levels of 80 dB(A) and 85 dB(A) will be exceeded).

However the Studio will continue to monitor noise levels on an informal basis to ensure that noise levels remain as low as is practical, and should there be any significant increase in noise levels, appropriate formal monitoring and further action will be taken.

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4.14 Pregnancy and New Mothers

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Control Measures

Employees who are pregnant or breastfeeding will not be required to perform any duties which are likely to expose them or their unborn or breastfeeding child to any risk related to their pregnancy or breastfeeding.

A risk assessment will be carried out to assess if there is any additional risk.

If any additional risk is identified, suitable preventive measures will be taken to deal with the risk.

Examples of circumstances where a pregnant worker or their child could be exposed to additional risk include work involving:

- Shocks, vibration or movement
- Manual handling involving risks to the lower back
- Noise
- Ionising and non-ionising radiation
- Extremes of heat and cold
- Movements and postures, travelling, mental or physical fatigue, other physical burdens

Other potential risks as identified in the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (Pregnant Workers) Regulations.

Examples of suitable action when additional risks are identified are:

- Restrict the pregnant worker from carrying out the work;
- Adjust the working conditions on a temporary basis so that the risk is avoided;
- Re-allocate the worker to other work which does not entail risk to the worker or child;
- If the risk cannot be avoided by any other means, give the worker leave or additional maternity leave.
- Where additional risk to the pregnant worker or their child is identified, the worker will be informed of the risk and the steps to be taken to deal with the risk.

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4.15 Violence and Aggression

Hazards

Physical assault
Violence

Risks Assessment

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

Difficult customers and others such as members of the general public can expose staff to a risk of violence. The following steps are taken by the Business to minimise this risk.

It is the policy of ABC Company not to have staff working alone, except when this cannot be avoided. In general there will be at least two members of staff on hand at all times.

Staff are given the following guidelines in dealing with potential robbery and aggression/violence situations:

- Always keep aware of customers or other individuals who may become violent or threatening
- Never argue or otherwise engage with someone who shows signs of violence
- If someone becomes aggressive or violent, obtain assistance. Never attempt to get involved directly or to restrain the person.
- If attacked, withdraw from the confrontation if possible.
- If and when it is safe to do so, raise the alarm.

Robbery/ Attempted Robbery

Robbery of cash and other valuable items can expose staff to a risk of violence. The following steps are taken by the Business to minimise this risk.

It is policy to put measures in place to minimise the risks to staff from robbery. These include:

- Minimising the quantities of cash and other valuable items held;
- Putting appropriate entry and security safeguards in place.
- Staff are given the following guidelines in dealing with potential robbery situations
- If a robbery is attempted, even by someone who appears to be unarmed:
 - Do not offer any resistance, do not provoke the attacker
 - Give the attacker whatever they demand
 - If and when it is safe to do so, raise the alarm.

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4.16 Cash Handling

HAZARDS

- Robbery
- Physical Injury

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Cash Movement Controls

- Avoid letting large amounts of cash accumulate on the premises.
- Perform cash drops regularly depositing cash in a safe.

Cash Movement to and from the Bank

- Avoid, as far as possible, set patterns when making lodgements.
- Trips to the bank, where possible, should be made by car.
- Precautions should begin with varying, as much as possible, the times and routes of such journeys.
- Persons conveying cash should exercise vigilance and anything suspicious should be noted and communicated to the Gardai.

Action to be taken in the Case of an Armed Robbery or Personal Attack

- Keep calm – do not panic.
- Obey – do only what you are asked to do, nothing more and nothing less.
- Observe. Note details of the criminal nearest you. Concentrate on:
 - Male/Female
 - Age
 - Height
 - Build
 - Hair colour
 - Colour of eyes
 - Mode of dress
 - Right or left handed
 - Distinguishing features
 - Words used and accent
 - Number of attackers
 - Note where criminals may have placed their hands and feet

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- Identify vehicular transport used (registration, colour, make of car)
- Preserve the scene intact. Do not interfere with places where fingerprints or footprints may be found.
- Hold witnesses at the scene until the Gardai arrive; otherwise take details (name, address, phone number) for contact later.

Notes:

Stay out of danger. Never jeopardise your own personal security or the security of others.

Post Crime Action – Armed Raids and Personal Attacks

- Contact the Gardai.
- Preserve the scene intact. Do not allow interference with places where fingerprints or footprints may be found.
- Hold witnesses at the scene until the Gardai arrive, otherwise take details (name, address, telephone number) for contact later.
- Identify if anyone has been injured. If so, note the type of injury. Call an ambulance if required.
- Put in place any measures to prevent further injury.
- Complete an incident/accident report form including:
 - i. Precise details of what happened.
 - ii. Who was there (witnesses), include names, addresses and phone numbers of non staff members.
 - iii. Detailed descriptions of the criminal(s).

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4.17 Slips and Falls

HAZARDS

- Wet floors
- Product spillages
- Other spillages

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- All spills are cleaned up immediately.
- Planned cleaning procedures are in place.
- Hygiene and cleaning equipment always available.
- Mat at doorway for wiping feet.
- Stand available for umbrellas.
- Children not allowed to run around or play.
- Fasten cables and leads securely or re-route overhead if possible.
- Unplug all equipment when not in use.
- Keep passageways, workstations, and stairs clear.
- Provide adequate lighting.
- Provide proper step ladders to reach anything not accessible from the ground.
- All plinths and other equipment that clients lie or sit on shall be of sound construction and inspected regularly.

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4.18 Hygiene

HAZARDS

- Cross contamination
- Infectious conditions

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Make sure 'hard' re-usable equipment such as tweezers and cuticle knives can be sterilised between use on clients by a glass-bead steriliser or an autoclave.
- NB. 'Ultra-violet sterilisers' DO NOT sterilise. Ultra violet light has disinfectant properties only.
- Use disposable products where possible e.g. sterile disposable needles for inking, to avoid the need to sterilise such equipment between treatments.
- Provide 'sharps' boxes for disposal of needles, blades etc. 'sharps' boxes should be disposed of by a registered waste carrier.
- Use techniques which prevent cross contamination of creams, etc.
- Thoroughly cleanse brushes, sponges, towels etc. between uses.

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4.19 Dermatitis and Skin Conditions

HAZARDS

- Product problems
- Skin “sweating” in gloves

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Wear disposable non-latex gloves
- Pick a smooth glove to stop hair or clothing snagging
- Have different sized gloves available and ensure a good fit
- Show staff how to remove gloves by peeling them down from the cuff avoiding touching their skin with used gloves
- Make sure gloves are worn for cleaning spills
- Rotate jobs to minimise exposure for each member of staff
- Provide soft cotton or paper towels for drying hands
- Tell staff about the importance of thorough hand drying as part of their skin care regime
- Provide moisturising cream in a dispenser or give each of your staff their own supply
- Choose fragrance-free moisturisers, as some people can be sensitive to perfumes
- Encourage staff to make sure all areas are covered – it’s easy to miss fingertips, finger webs and wrists
- Make sure staff don’t re-use gloves – the skin can be contaminated if you try to put them back on
- Advise your staff to change gloves between clients – this gives the skin a chance to ‘air’
- Check your skin regularly for early signs of dermatitis.

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4.20 Latex Gloves

HAZARDS

- Irritation
- Allergic Reaction

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Only buy Latex Free gloves.
- Only gloves with low levels of leachable protein will be used.
- Use Powder free gloves.
- Follow the points at 4.19

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4.21 Small Tools (Scissors, Tweezers, Piercing, etc.)

HAZARDS

- Cuts

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- Only trained staff use the small hard implements
- All items are sterilised before use.
- First aid kit is always available.
- Work slowly and methodically to avoid injury to rather the client or yourself.
- Use all items in accordance with training and manufacturers instructions.
- Sharp implements are never to be left unattended where either clients or children may access them.
- Ensure workstation or client is at the correct height.
- Try to use items with good ergonomically designed handles.
- Rotate activities.
- Store all objects between knee and shoulder height for easy access.
- Try to avoid twisting the body, move your feet to gain better access to the client.

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4.22 Health and safety issues related to body piercing and tattooing.

HAZARDS

- Sharps
- Cross contamination

Risks Identified

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

Client Consultation – the following pre-procedure will be in place:

- Date of procedure;
- The client's name and contact address,
- Treatment plan, including actual treatment to be carried out and area to be treated;
- A record of the type of body jewellery used, if applicable. If the operator did not supply jewellery, then accurate details of chain of supply should be established;
- Medical history, to consider:
 - Chronic skin conditions such as eczema & psoriasis
 - Haemophilia
 - Heart disease
 - High/low blood pressure
 - Medication
 - Epilepsy
 - Diabetes
 - Allergies
- Nursing mothers; pregnancy & breast feeding
- Other contra indications, e.g. skin infections close to area to be treated;
- After care advice (written and verbal);
- Photographic evidence
- Associated hazards and risks

Infection control

- When carrying out cosmetic skin piercing infection control considerations are paramount and essential. As with all skin piercing activities the skin is punctured and there is a risk of blood borne virus transmission, including hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV, if hygienic procedures are not followed.

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- It is recommended that the person carrying out cosmetic piercing (the operator) be immunised against hepatitis B to protect themselves and their client.

Equipment needed to conduct hygienic tattooing?

- alcohol impregnated swabs (pre packed) for skin preparation;
- autoclave;
- disinfectants;
- disposable caps or trays for pigments;
- disposable latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves may be worn, but must be discarded after each client (they must be disposed of as clinical waste);
- disposable razor;
- kidney dish (autoclavable container for needles);
- paper tissues and paper towels;
- sharps container;
- spray bottle containing fresh skin preparation antiseptic.

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4.23 Bloodborne and Needlestick hazards

HAZARDS

- Bloodborne pathogens

Risks Identified - Low

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

- Staff are offered immunisation against relevant diseases.
- Good hygiene and disinfectant practices are followed by all especially with regard to hand hygiene.
- Barrier creams are used where appropriate.
- Safety aprons and glasses are worn during all procedures.
- Latex free gloves are use during all procedures.
- All used sharps are disposed of in a sharps bin that is removed by a registered waste contractor.
- All used disposable protective wear is placed in a specialist receptacle and removed by an authorised waste carrier.
- All staff are offered training and information on good control measures.
- All client care items will be sterilised between uses except where it is of a disposable nature.
- All studio contact surfaces (benches, door handles, switches, table tops, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected at relevant intervals.
- All housekeeping surfaces (floors, walls) will be cleaned using recommended cleaning products.
- Biological/body fluid clean up kit will be kept on hand for blood spills, etc.

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4.24 Sharps and broken glass

HAZARDS

- Cross contamination
- Bio Hazard
- Skin Pricks/Needle stick

Risks Identified - Low

Likelihood	Severity	Risk Value
Score =	Score =	Result =

CONTROL MEASURES

General

- All broken glass and bottles will be cleaned up immediately.
- Take great care to use the non puncture gloves as the glass shards will be contaminated with the substance from the bottle.
- If a substance was released during the breakage ensure you wear the provided face mask.
- Once the glass is collected along with any substance it must be placed in a sealed container for secure disposal.
- Clean and disinfect the area of the breakage and the utensils used in cleaning up the breakage.
- Needles and syringes are to be kept in a closed cabinet.
- Also follow all control procedures for Bloodborne Pathogens.

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PART 5**ANNUAL REPORT****ABC COMPANY****SAFETY STATEMENT**

The following is a report of progress with our Health and Safety Policy as required by Section 12(6) of the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.

SAFETY TRAINING;

During the year, the following safety training courses were run:

- 1
- 2
- 3

External safety and health courses attended by our staff included:

- 1
- 2
- 3

NEW SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

The following new safety arrangements were put in place during the year:

- 1
- 2
- 3

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Accident Report Form

Location:	Department/Division:
Date of Accident/Incident:	Date of Review:
Management present:	
Injured Party:	

Nature of loss	Nature and extent of actual or potential loss to people, property, process or the environment
Description	Description of the Accident/Incident (who, what, how, when)
Causes	Why did the Accident/Incident occur, (root, basic and immediate causes)?
Recommendations	Action to prevent recurrence, responsibility & action by dates:
Reporting	Distribution of investigation information organisation wide and statutory reporting / reply:

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Staff Suggestion forms (Welfare and Concerns Register)

SECTION A: To be completed by staff member with suggestion

Staff Member Name: _____ **Position:** _____
Date: _____

Details of Suggestion:

SECTION B: to be completed by Manager 1

Action Taken:

Signature: _____

Date _____

PART 8 Related Policies

8.1 ABC Company Environmental Policy Statement

ABC Company will seek to promote the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and to minimise environmental pollution in all their activities and, where possible, by its influence over others. The objective will be to minimise the environmental impact of all operations.

Consideration will be given to substitution of polluting substances with "greener" alternatives wherever possible. Steps will be taken to minimise smoke, dust, noise, and vibration nuisance - the potential for which will be identified during the assessment process.

All waste disposals shall be carried out by registered carriers and removed to registered disposal sites. Documentation shall be held to demonstrate compliance with this. Wherever possible waste shall be recycled, reclaimed or reused.

Liquid pollutants will not be allowed to enter watercourses. All liquid storage will be bunded wherever there is a risk.

This policy will be enforced by managerial vigilance and shall be subject to regular auditing and review.

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8.2 ABC Company Equality Policy

ABC Company are an equal opportunities Employer & thus, as laid out in this policy, seek to comply with all legal regulations & directives with regard to dealing with individuals or groups in a fair & legal way.

It is the policy of ABC Company to deal (employ, pay, consult, interview, speak to, and write to etc.) with any person/s equally & with dignity Regardless of disposition:

- Gender
- Race
- Colour
- Creed (Religious Persuasion)
- Nationality
- Disability or Physical Impairment
- Financial Status

ABC Company., its Management and Staff must uphold & comply with this policy. Failure to comply with this policy could result in immediate disciplinary action & possible dismissal.

Should any person cause harm, harass, sexually harass or disadvantage any of the above because of their disposition, that person/s will be reported to the Authorities & will be dealt with on a legal basis.

It is the overall policy of this company to practice equality & to be fair to all.

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