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HSE Sector plans for the next 3 to 5 years

The Health and Safety Executive has published its sector plans for the next 3-5 years **following the draft it issued in March 2017.**

This earlier document saw HSE split the areas under its remit into 19 different sections rather than the, until now, traditional two sectors. Interestingly, manufacturing has been given a 'must try harder' rating after it was found that around 3% of workers are injured annually, somewhat higher than the all-industry rate. You can find more information on the HSE Sector Plans page here;

http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/strategiesandplans/sector-plans/index.htm

Sectors are as follows:

- Agriculture
- Bioeconomy
- Chemicals
- Commercial consumer services
- Construction
- Explosives
- · Fairgrounds and theme parks
- Film broadcasting, theatre and events
- Gas and pipelines
- Logistics and transport
- Manufacturing
- Mines
- Offshore energy
- Onshore oil and gas wells
- Public services
- Quarries
- Sports and leisure
- Utilities
- Waste and recycling

There are six key sectors which HSE intends to target:

- 1. agriculture;
- 2. construction;
- 3. transport and logistics;
- 4. manufacturing;
- 5. waste and recycling;
- 6. public services.

The key approach which HSE intends to adopt is:

- working with others, using their expertise for the wider good of workers, businesses (especially SMEs) and government;
- championing the need for prevention;
- focusing on inspection and enforcement activity where it can have the most effect.

Health priority plans

HSE has set three priorities for work on occupational health – occupational lung disease, musculoskeletal disorders and work-related stress.

Occupational lung disease

Leads to an estimated 12 000 deaths each year.

Occupational lung disease plan

Musculoskeletal disorders

The most common reported cause of occupational ill health in Great Britain, accounting for 41% of all work-related ill-health cases and 34% of all working days lost due to ill health.

• Musculoskeletal disorders plan

Work-related stress

The second most commonly reported cause of occupational ill health in Great Britain, accounting for 37% of all work-related ill-health cases, and 45% of all working days lost due to ill health.

• Work-related stress plan