

## All employers must conduct a risk assessment. If you have fewer than five employees you don't have to write anything down.

| This is the statement of general policy and arrangem  | nents for:   | (Name of company)                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Name of Employer/Senior manager)   | has over   | erall and final responsibility for health and safety |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Member of staff)   | has day-to-day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into<br>practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Statement of general policy   | Responsibility of:<br>Name/Title   | Action/Arrangements (What are you going to do?)      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill<br>health by managing the health and safety risks in<br>the workplace                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide clear instructions and information, and<br>adequate training, to ensure employees are<br>competent to do their work                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Engage and consult with employees on day-to-day health and safety conditions  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Implement emergency procedures – evacuation in case of fire or other significant incident. You can  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| find help with your fire risk assessment at:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-<br>responsibilities  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maintain safe and healthy working conditions,<br>provide and maintain plant, equipment and<br>machinery, and ensure safe storage/use of<br>substances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



We have started off the risk assessment for you by including a sample entry for a common hazard to illustrate what is expected (the sample entry is taken from an office-based business). Look at how this might apply to your business, continue by identifying the hazards that are the real priorities in your case and complete the table to suit. You can print and cave this template so you can easily review and undate the information as and when required. You may find our example risk

and save this template so you can easily review and update the information as and when required. You may find our example risk assessments a useful guide (<u>http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies</u>). Simply choose the example closest to your business.

**Company name:** 

Date of risk assessment:

| What are the hazards? | Who might be harmed and how?  | What are you already doing?   | Do you need to do<br>anything else to control<br>this risk? | Action by<br>who?                                 | Action by<br>when?         | Done                 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Slips and trips       | Staff and visitors may be<br>injured if they trip over<br>objects or slip on spillages. | General good housekeeping is<br>carried out.<br>All areas well lit, including stairs.<br>No trailing leads or cables.<br>Staff keep work areas clear, eg no<br>boxes<br>left in walkways, deliveries stored<br>immediately. | on second floor to be                                       | All staff,<br>supervisor<br>to monitor<br>Manager | From now<br>on<br>xx/xx/xx | xx/xx/xx<br>xx/xx/xx |
|                       |   |   |   |   |                            |                      |

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You should review your risk assessment if you think it might no longer be valid (eg following an accident in the workplace or if there are any significant changes to hazards, such as new work equipment or work activities)

For information specific to your industry please go to <u>http://www.hse.gov.uk.</u>

For further information and to view our example risk assessments go to <u>http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies/</u>

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