



Saving lives, not stopping people living

We are committed to managing health and safety risks sensibly.

Sensible risk management IS about:

- ✓ ensuring that workers and the public are properly protected;
- ✓ providing overall benefit to society by balancing benefits and risks, with a focus on reducing real risks – both those which arise more often and those with serious consequences;
- ✓ enabling innovation and learning not stifling them;
- ✓ ensuring that those who create risks manage them responsibly and understand that failure to manage real risks responsibly is likely to lead to robust action; and
- ✓ enabling individuals to understand that as well as the right to protection, they also have to exercise responsibility.

Sensible risk management IS NOT about:

- × creating a totally risk free society;
- × generating useless paperwork mountains;
- × scaring people by exaggerating or publicising trivial risks;
- × stopping important recreational and learning activities for individuals where the risks are managed; and
- × reducing protection of people from risks that cause real harm and suffering.

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