Agenda Item 5 (e)

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL Workplace Safety Inspections Agreement

Bolsover District Council Equalities Statement

Bolsover District Council is committed to equalities as an employer and in all the services provided to all sections of the community.

The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminate all forms of discrimination in compliance with the Equality Strategy.

The Council also has due regard to eliminate racial discrimination and to proactively promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups when performing it's functions.

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WORKPLACE SAFETY INSPECTIONS AGREEMENT

1. Introduction

Bolsover District Council is committed to the health, safety and welfare of its employees, Councillors and others that may be affected by its activities such as members of the public and contractors. This includes making sure the Authority's premises are maintained, statutory requirements met and safety issues are identified and dealt with effectively.

This can be achieved by having a system of workplace monitoring on a regular and consistent basis. The workplace monitoring can take the form of

- > Workplace Inspections to include Hazard Spotting.
- > More detailed inspections where areas of concern have been raised.
- > Safety audits of policies and their implementation.

The objectives of workplace inspections will be:-

- > To identify hazardous conditions so that remedial action can be taken.
- > To improve operational safety and conditions.

2. <u>Responsibilities</u>

Safety Sub-Committee Members

- > Monitoring compliance with this Policy.
- Monitoring of Reports submitted by the Health and Safety Officer Advisor and others.
- ▶ Requesting further information/additional work where there are areas of concern.
- Reviewing policy and suggesting and agreeing changes.

Member Champion for Health and Safety

- > To attend health and safety workplace inspections where appropriate
- > To carry out the duties as outlined above as a Member of Safety Sub Committee

Health and Safety OfficerAdvisor

- Co-ordinating the system of inspection and ensuring that hazards are dealt with appropriately and expediently.
- Submission of a summary report on the findings of the workplace inspections.
- Provision of specialist health and safety advice to Managers/Trade Union Safety Representatives.
- > Undertaking in-depth audits as and when necessary.

Head of Service/Line Manager

- Conducting health and safety workplace inspections, formal and informal, on a regular basis. Formal inspections will be undertaken every three/six months.
- > Ensure that hazards are reported and dealt with appropriately.
- Liaison with the Trade Union Safety Representative and the Health and Safety Office Advisorr.

Trade Union Safety Representatives

- To liaise with the Manager at each location to inspect their workplace every 3/6 months* or sooner if work practices have changed or there is a 'high risk' activity.
- To co-operate with the employer on matters of health and safety.
- > Check employer systems and procedures relating to health and safety.

*Frequency of inspections is detailed below.

3. Frequency of Inspections

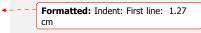
Sherwood LodgeCorporate Buildings	
(The Arc, Sherwood Lodge , Pleasley Mills)	Six <u>M</u> monthly
Riverside Depot	Six Monthly
Leisure Centres and Greaseworks (PVOAC)	SixMonthly
Other Leisure Facilities	Six Monthly
Pleasley Business Park Three	monthly
Contact Centres	Six mMonthly
Shop Units & Group Dwellings	Six Monthly
Commercial and Industrial Units	Six Monthly
Bolsover Depot Three	monthly
South Normanton Depot Three	monthly
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Creswell Leisure Centre Three	monthly
Group Dwellings Six m	onthly

The date for inspections should be agreed at beginning of the Council year.

4. Duration of Inspections

Where the management and union sides are local to the workplace, inspections should be programmed to last as long as is necessary to inspect the workplace so that normal duties can resume after the inspection.

Where either side is not local to the workplace and/or several workplaces are to be inspected, sufficient time needs to be set aside at the end of the inspection to agree the complete report.



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5. Attendees

5.1 Workplace Inspections

Head of Service/Line Manager of workplace location. Trade Union Safety Representative. Cabinet Member for Health and Safety as appropriate

5.2 Detailed Inspections

Head of Service/Line Manager of workplace location. Trade Union Safety Representative. Health and Safety-<u>Officer Advisor</u>.

5.3 Safety Audits

Health and Safety-Officer Advisor. Trade Union Safety Representative.

6. Format of Inspection

- 6.1 A copy of the previous inspection pro-forma should be obtained for the workplace if one is available in order to check previously identified hazards have been rectified or to be made aware of why this has not been undertaken. Copies of relevant risk assessments should also be made available.
- 6.2 The Manager will complete the attached Safety and Housekeeping Inspection Form (WPI 1) as the inspection progresses.
- 6.3 The Safety and Housekeeping Inspection Form (WPI 1) will be used to note the specific safety concerns, corrective actions, person(s) responsible, target completion dates.
- 6.4 Where it is identified that an individual is not complying with health and safety policies etc. (such as not wearing protective clothing) the Manager <u>will</u> issue a verbal instruction to the individual(s). The individual will be given an opportunity to explain why they are not complying with health and safety policies. Where these instructions are not heeded the Manager should invoke the disciplinary procedure.
- 6.5 If, in exceptional circumstances, the inspection overruns the agreed time and the Safety and Housekeeping Inspection Form cannot be agreed, a meeting will be arranged at the earliest convenience <u>time for both parties of the necessary parties</u> so that the form can be completed.

7. Distribution of Report

Copies of the report will be distributed to all those in attendance, the Health and Safety Officer-Advisor and other Officers who may be responsible for taking corrective action.

8. <u>Response Times to Report</u>

The relevant Head of Service/Line Manager will complete the 'Date Action Completed' column within ten working days of the Targeted Completion Date and distribute copies to those identified in paragraph 7.

SAFETY & HOUSEKEEPING INSPECTION

LOCATION & INSPECTOR INFORMATION

Explain all items and issues that need attention at the end of the checklist. Include the item letter and number, location of the deficiency, and the corrective action necessary. Mark an answer for each question using the following legend:

Yes = Acceptable at time of Inspection	No = Needs Attention	N/A = Not Applicable

Inspection Date:	Inspector Name(s):
Location Name:	

GEN	NERAL FACILITY			
A. C	conditions and Hygiene	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Corridors and floors free of slip and trip hazards			
2.	Corners, out-of-way places clean and orderly			
3.	Work places, tables and benches clean and orderly			
4.	Wash rooms, locker rooms and disposal containers adequate			
5.	Hand soap or other cleaning agent and warm water provided			
6.	Hand towels or other means of drying hands available			
7.	Eyewash stations (and safety showers) clean, operable and accessible			
8.	Sidewalks and parking areas in good condition (walking surface, holes, ice, litter)			
B. H	lealth & Safety Notices	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Health & Safety Policy current and posted available			
2.	Regulatory posters current and posted (e.g. first address)			
3.	All accidents recorded and reported			
4.	Safety data sheets up-to-date and available to employees (COSHH sheets)			
5.	Hazardous materials properly labelled			
7.	Identification Form used			
C. L	ights Heating & Ventilation	Yes	No	N/A
1.	General lighting adequate and working properly			
2.	Heating adequate with controls to regulate			
3.	Ventilation system adequate and working properly			
4.	Emergency lighting in place and working			
5.	Air circulating systems inspected on a regular basis			

D. F	ire Prevention, Emergencies & Exits	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Safety rules posted and enforced			
2.	Exterior and interior lights adequate and in working order			
3.	Exits and corridors leading to exits visible, clearly marked, and kept clear			
4.	Exit signs in place			
5.	Non-exits properly signed			
6.	Extinguishers provided and checked, training conducted for all persons expected to use extinguishers			
7.	Easy access of fire extinguishers			
8.	Extinguisher hoses, sprinkler heads and valves unobstructed			
9.	Flammable liquids stored in approved safety cabinet			
10.	Test emergency lighting equipment as required			
11.	Test fire/security detection/protection devices as required			
12.	Fire doors kept closed at all times			
13.	"No Smoking" signs posted			
14.	Emergency valves/switches clearly and accessible			
E. V	Valking & Work Surfaces	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Grates or covers over floor openings such as floor power points secured and safe			
2.	Steps on stairs and stairways with a safe surface			
3.	Corridors, stairs and passageways kept clear			
4.	Wet surfaces cleaned up promptly			
5.	Exits properly labelled			
6.	Seasonal hazards are addressed (snow removal, salt, leaves, artificial lighting levels)			
7.	Mezzanines marked with rating and not overweight			
	irst Aid	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Emergency eye washes and showers properly located, identified, unobstructed and training conducted			
2	First aid cabinets well stocked, clean, accessible, no items have expired dates			
3	First aid names/telephone numbers posted			
4	Medical Sharps waste container available			
	Vaste Receptacles	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Waste receptacles provided and used			
2.	Waste receptacles emptied regularly			

H. E	Electrical	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Electrical boxes provided with required covers (all open spaces have block outs)			
2.	Temporary wiring and extensions in safe condition			
3.	Permanent wiring in safe condition, no open or exposed plugs or wires, all wires protected from abrasion			
4.	Electrical panels closed when not being accessed			
5.	Electrical rooms are kept locked and clearly marked			
7.	Electrical panels unobstructed			
8.	Power tools in safe condition			
I. D	epot Works & Fuel Areas	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Spill kits readily available around fuel areas, training conducted and procedures posted			
2.	Nozzles and hoses in good condition			
3.	Emergency shut-off clearly marked			
4.	Fueling areas are inspected for spills and/or leaks			
5.	Area is clean; snow removal, free from debris, etc.			
6.	Area lights are working			
7.	Fencing is in good condition and free from debris			
	adders & Elevated Platforms	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Portable ladders in good condition with slip-proof feet			
2.	Fixed metal ladders in safe condition			
3.	Platforms in safe condition			
4.	Adequate head clearance provided from the floor to the ceiling			
	Personal Protective Equipment & Housekeeping	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Safety glasses provided and used			
2.	Authorised safety boots worn			
3.	Chemical resistant gloves worn where appropriate			
4.	Hearing protection properly used as required.			
5.	Sharps equipment available			
6.	Face shield properly used as appropriate for task			
7.	Unused portions of service pits covered or protected by guardrails			
8.	Other (Personal Protective Equipment) High visibility clothing used as required (to create high visibility to operative)			

L.E	lectrical & Fire Safety	Yes	No	N/A
1.	Combustible liquids (fuels, solvents, paints, etc) are stored in non-combustible cabinet with closing doors			
2.	Electrical circuit breakers identified and used in good condition			
3.	Electrical extension cables in good condition			
4.	Pressure washer in good working order			
М.	Other Facility Specific Areas			
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SAFETY CHECKLIST CORRECTIVE ACTION SUMMARY

Site Inspected: _____ Date Inspection Completed _____

Safety Checklist Item #	SPECIFIC SAFETY CONCERN	CORRECTIVE ACTION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	Targeted Completion Date	Date Action Completed

Prepared and Reviewed by:	Title	Date and Time