

Display Screen Policy

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DISPLAY SCREEN POLICY

The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992 and the amendments in 2002 apply to work with DSE.

Display screen operators may suffer from postural difficulties and visual fatigue, in addition to the other hazards of the workplace, such as tripping over cables or carpets, lifting injuries picking up boxes of paper, etc.

Although DSE do produce some radiation, the levels produced are no more than those from the environment in many areas.

Postural hazards result from poor ergonomics and working environment. The following may produce fatigue-related conditions:

- Sitting in an immobile position for long periods
- High rates of repetitive finger movements with the wrists bent
- Excessive force and over reaching when using the mouse
- Poor circulation to the legs
- Pressure from the seat/chair upon the thighs caused by an incorrectly adjusted seat

Visual fatigue may result from the following:

- Poor screen display, such as low contrast or flickering
- High levels of ambient light compared to the screen display
- Reflections or glare
- The need for document holder

These can produce eye strain, headaches or other related symptoms.

It is our policy to exceed, where possible, the minimum health and safety requirements of the law.

We aim to provide a working environment that is both comfortable and maximises the effectiveness of employees. In order to achieve our goals, we will put in place arrangements and procedures for the assessment of risks from the use DSE.

The risk assessment will be followed by the provision, maintenance and monitoring, of appropriate control measures to minimise any risk identified.

Responsibility for implementing this policy lies with the Principal/Premises Manager.