



SUBJECT: Have Your Say – Risk Assessments

RECIPIENTS: All Service areas (including schools)

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Proposed changes by the HSE on risk assessment guidance

About this consultation

The HSE is concerned that people see the requirement to record significant findings of a risk assessment as something separate from other things they do to manage their business. It wants to put more emphasis on controlling risks and less on written assessments, without reducing standards.

Background

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is consulting on proposed changes to its risk assessment guidance.

Proposed changes

The revised guidance aims to make it clear to businesses that risk assessments should be part of day-to-day business management and that the risk assessments can be part of existing business documents. It includes a [draft version](#) of the revision. It asks specific questions around the helpfulness and clarity of the changes, and whether it would save duty holders time.

Consultation questions

Members who wish to respond as individuals or representing their businesses can do so by completing [HSE's online questionnaire](#) by 30 November 2016.

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

Corporate Health & Safety Advisers (see George section: Corporate > Information for Working > Risk Management > H&S Advisers)