

Air Quality

Information for managers

UK Clean Air Regulations

In the UK, workplace air quality is regulated by the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 and the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. Employers must ensure adequate ventilation with fresh or purified air and maintain these systems properly. They are also required to manage indoor air quality to control harmful pollutants, with regular monitoring and maintenance being essential for compliance.

Top Tips for Adhering to Regulations



Ensure Adequate Ventilation:

- Provide fresh or purified air.
- Regularly maintain and clean ventilation systems.



Monitor Air Quality:

- Use real-time systems to track pollutants like CO₂.
- Address air quality issues promptly.



Control Pollutants:

- Use air purification systems.
- Minimize exposure to harmful substances.



Compliance with Regulations:

- Follow the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 and the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.
- Ensure all safety measures are in place.



Air Purifying Plants:

- Use air-purifying plants like spider plants, snake plants, and peace lilies in offices to remove toxins.
- Plant trees and bushes in outside areas used by staff to clean the air and act as barriers to pollutants from nearby traffic.



Encourage Active and Sustainable Travel:

- Promote walking, cycling, and public transport.
- Reduce pollution and improve health by reducing car use.

Additional Information for Managers

Upcoming Legislation

Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill: Aims to set minimum air quality standards for workplaces, homes, and public spaces. If passed, it will enforce stricter targets, especially for PM_{2.5}.

Local Government Responsibilities

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM): Local authorities monitor air quality and implement measures, including setting up Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) and developing Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs).

National Air Quality Strategy

Air Quality Strategy: Provides a framework for air quality improvements across the UK, based on national and international measures.

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