



Health and safety



Committed to your health and safety at work

Providing for your health and safety at work is not just a legal requirement, it is a commitment that we take very seriously.

To ensure we fulfil that commitment, the organisation is required to produce a Health & Safety Policy Statement. This lays out how the Brigade aims to provide the highest standard of health and safety protection for its staff and for other people on or about the premises or sites for which it has responsibility.

On the opposite page you will find our policy statement and overleaf the organisation of health and safety management, which shows who is directly responsible for your health and safety at work.

Please take the time to read this leaflet carefully.

For more information about health and safety email:

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If you, or anyone you know, would like this leaflet in large print, on tape, in Braille or in another language please write to us at the address below. Please supply your name and address and, for translations, the language required.

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Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974

Health & Safety Policy Statement

London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare at work of all its employees and any other persons who may be affected by its operations.

In confirming this commitment, the Authority's Health & Safety Policy is to:

- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation, Authority policy and procedures.
- Provide and monitor safe conditions and systems of work to minimise risk of injury and ill health.
- Provide and maintain safe plant and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling, use and storage of substances.
- Clearly define the responsibilities and duties of all employees.
- Provide training and resources to ensure that all employees have the required skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out their work safely.
- Engage the cooperation of employees at all levels through consultation and the promotion of safety awareness.
- Monitor the health and safety procedures and performance of the organisation to ensure continuous improvement.

Implementation of this policy is a management responsibility and the Authority regards this as fundamental to its main objectives of operating in a safe and efficient manner. The Authority will allocate appropriate resources for implementation of this policy.

Every employee has a duty to ensure that these aims are achieved by cooperating with the Authority, acting responsibly and with due regard for their own health and safety and that of others, who might be affected by their activities. Likewise, contractors will be required to perform in a similar manner to ensure compliance with their own health and safety policy and that of the Authority.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Corporate Management Board and will be revised as often as may be appropriate.



Sir Ken Knight

Commissioner for Fire and Emergency Planning
Chair of Corporate Management Board

Date: November 2006

Organisation of health and safety management within LFB

The Commissioner, deputy commissioner and directors have overall responsibility for health and safety, the duties of which are delegated through line management. The deputy commissioner is chair of the Health, Safety and Environment Strategy Board and as such fulfils the requirement for a nominated health and safety director.

Each director, assistant commissioner, head of service, area manager and borough commander is responsible for health and safety within the operations and activities under their control. All directors are responsible for monitoring compliance with procedures. Each manager at all levels is responsible for all aspects of health and safety at their respective location. This includes all employees that either work at, or are based at, that location and any other person who may be affected by that location's operations.

Uniformed officers are responsible for health and safety either in the workplace or on the incident ground. The incident commander is responsible for ensuring that appropriate action is taken to ensure the health and safety of firefighters and those affected by their activities.

The principal health and safety adviser, as the Brigade's competent person, advises the Board as necessary on matters of health and safety and develops and coordinates corporate health and safety policy.

