Key Health and Safety Legislation Applicable to UK Research and Innovation

The UKRI Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Health and safety (HS) policy statement requires that within the United Kingdom we comply with applicable safety legislation and overseas that we apply UK standards and arrangements where reasonably practicable or the host nation’s standards where they at least meet or exceed those adhered to in the UK. To support this requirement, the following list of H&S legislation has been developed. These are the key Acts and Regulations that are likely to apply either universally or to significant parts of UKRI. In making their individual arrangements for managing H&S within their area of responsibility, Research Council Executive Chairs or Corporate Directors are to ensure that they meet the legal obligations place on UKRI.

- The Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974
- Corporate Homicide and Corporate manslaughter Act 2007
- The Regulatory Reform Order (Fire Safety) 2005
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992
- The Provision and Use of Workplace Equipment Regulations 1998
- The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
- The Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016
- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981
- The Working at Height Regulations 2005
- The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
- The Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017
- The Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977

This list should not be considered as exhaustive and any omission from it should not be viewed as removing any legal obligations. If any legislation is identified that should be added to the list, please contact UKRI Head of H&S (Adrian.ferrier@ukri.org) with the details.