



Health & Safety

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Saint-Gobain Building Distribution UK & Ireland to provide and maintain, as far as is reasonably practicable, a working environment that is safe and without risk to health and safety. The company considers Health and Safety to rank equally with all other objectives in the performance of our business and to this end, our organisation and arrangements for the management of Health and Safety have been set out in our management system, which is aimed at ensuring;

- the health, safety and welfare of all our staff and others who work under our control;
- the safety of visitors and the general public who use or have access to premises or sites under our control;

In order to meet these aims we shall, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- keep up to date with best practice in relation to health and safety and comply with all relevant legislation and authoritative guidance;
- ensure that those who undertake work on our behalf apply the highest standards of health and safety for their employees;
- co-operate actively with local authorities, statutory and public bodies in the interests of public safety and the safeguarding of the environment;
- maintain to a high standard the estate in respect of all the premises and sites over which we have control;
- develop, implement and monitor health and safety policies and procedures appropriate to our business activities;
- audit our operations on a regular basis
- consult with employees on matters affecting their health and safety
- maintain a national health and safety forum to review policy and procedure;
- provide and maintain safe plant and equipment;

- ensure safe handling and use of substances;
- provide information, instruction and supervision for employees;
- co-operate with contractors who work for us;
- provide the necessary resources to implement our policies and keep them up to date;
- consult with, and involve, our staff in matters affecting their health and safety;
- provide the necessary equipment and training for the tasks to be performed;
- Tackle behaviour as a source of accident prevention;
- review and revise this policy statement on an annual basis;

We encourage the full and active participation of all our employees in order that the principles outlined in this policy statement may be achieved. The statutory duties placed on Saint-Gobain Building Distribution UK & Ireland and all our employees are to be regarded as minimum standards. We aim to achieve best practice in terms of health and safety in all that we do.

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