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Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013

Reporting of Accidents, Incidents and Diseases

On **1 October 2013** RIDDOR 1995 will be replaced with RIDDOR 2013. The amended Regulations aim to simplify the statutory requirements for reporting workplace injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences that are reportable to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

What is Changing?

The changes implement a recommendation by Professor Ragnar Löfstedt in his report 'Reclaiming health and safety for all: An independent review of health and safety legislation'. The main changes are intended to simplify the reporting requirements in the following areas:

- The classification of 'major injuries' to workers is being replaced with a shorter list of 'specified injuries'.
- The existing schedule detailing 47 types of industrial disease is being replaced with eight categories of reportable work-related illness.
- Fewer types of 'dangerous occurrence' will require reporting.

There are no significant changes to the reporting requirements for:

- Fatal accidents.
- Accidents to non-workers (members of the public, such as visitors, pupils, service users etc).
- Accidents which result in the incapacitation of a worker for more than seven days.

Where can I get further information?

The amended list of specified injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences can be found in Section "F1 – Accidents, Incidents and Occupational Diseases" of the Council's <u>Corporate Health and Safety Policy Manual</u>. This document also provides information on the Council's own internal accident reporting procedures should staff wish to refresh their knowledge.

Additional information can also be found via the HSE website.

If you require further assistance or clarification on any aspect of the changes please contact your Health and Safety Advisor or any other member of the Corporate Health and Safety Team on 01670 623854 or email healthandsafety@northumberland.gov.uk

