

Health and Safety Bulletin

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NEW Health and Safety Law Poster

As an employer, Northumberland County Council is required by law to display the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) approved Health and Safety Law poster in a prominent position in each workplace. This informs workers of the responsibilities they and their employer have under health and safety law. In 2009 the HSE produced a new, simplified version of the poster which was easier to read and understand, with the requirement that the previous 1999 version of the poster be phased out by April 2014.

In addition to the poster, and as an alternative for peripatetic workers, leaflets and pocket cards are also available.

What do I need to do?

Managers or Building Stewards should ensure that the poster displayed within their workplace is the new version (see picture to right). If this is the case then no further action is required. If the older version of the poster is being displayed then this should be replaced by **5 April 2014**.

Where can I purchase the poster?

It is available from various bookshops, HSE Books and the Supplies Team, who are the Council's stationery supplier (product code: 591-9364, cost: £9.17). No central budget is available to fund this. Leaflets and pocket cards can be downloaded free from the [HSE website](#).

Contact Information

This would also be a good opportunity for Managers or Building Stewards to ensure useful contact details on the poster are correct:

- **“Your Health and Safety Representatives”** - this should include the contact details of any staff health and safety representatives.
- **“Other Health and Safety Contacts”** – the contact details for the Corporate Health and Safety Team should be added. Tel: 01670 623854. Email: healthandsafety@northumberland.gov.uk.

If you require further assistance please contact the Corporate Health and Safety Team.

