

## Relevant Legislation

*Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999*

## General Guidance

Emphasis should be placed on safety aspects in the teaching process by good example, displaying safety rules and placing appropriate posters in practical areas. Safety aspects which pupils should be made aware of include:

- the need for care and consideration when moving around in practical areas
- the safe method of carrying equipment, chemicals and other materials
- the safe method of handling and storing of equipment and materials
- hygienic food handling, storage and disposal
- hygienic methods of handling chemicals and other hazardous materials
- correct ways of lifting and moving heavy or bulky equipment to avoid strain injuries
- suitable clothing, footwear and hair styles for practical work to reduce risk of fire, entanglement with machinery or contamination of food
- rules for using tools, machinery and other powered or heated equipment
- fire precautions and other emergency arrangements

In addition the following should be considered:

- Risk assessments, schemes of work and lesson plans should be completed and regularly reviewed to take account of this higher risk group
- Traffic management - to ensure vehicular and pedestrian segregation
- Induction and monitoring programmes should be prepared to acquaint pupils with everyday procedures
- Security issues
- Contractors on site, community activities and lettings.