

## Ordnance Survey health and safety (H&S) policy statement

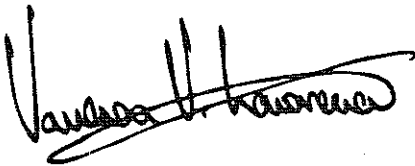
Ordnance Survey is justly proud of its position as Britain's national mapping agency and as a world leader in its field. Ordnance Survey's leaders recognise that people are vital to maintaining this position; it is my firm belief that the key to a safe and healthy workplace stems from the hearts and minds of all individuals working for the organisation. I expect everybody working in Ordnance Survey to apply high standards of health and safety management in their workplace, whilst they are travelling, and in the products and services that are delivered to other parties.

*The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999* and subsequent statutory acts and regulations place obligations on employers and employees alike, which encompasses all workplace activities and involve all of us, whether employer or employee. Each has a duty to the other to maintain a working environment that is, so far as is reasonably practicable, free from hazards and risk of injury to persons working therein or to others who may be affected by the work activities.

Whilst it may not be possible to ensure a totally hazard free environment, it is the employer's responsibility to provide adequate protection, advice, information, and training to combat risks that cannot be eliminated. Equally, it places a duty on all who work for Ordnance Survey to comply with these arrangements and take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions.

Ordnance Survey has a health and safety management system in two component parts. A health and safety manual provides a statement of how Ordnance Survey manages health and safety, encompassing all business groups within the same framework. This corporate level document provides the foundation for individual business group safety cases, which enables focus to be directed on those hazards, either unique or shared within the business, which pose a risk or threat to the business and its people.

Our aim is to ensure that activities are planned, carried out, controlled and directed such that health and safety business objectives are met, and that any risk to our health and safety is as low as reasonably practicable. Our commitment to H&S must go beyond merely reading the documentation and must be translated into effective action by people who have a clear understanding of their responsibilities.



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