

The importance of preparing for a HSE inspection

Every year, health and safety inspectors make thousands of visits to UK workplaces, often turning up without notice.

These inspections are designed to review your working environment and procedures to ensure that they meet health and safety regulations.

Why you should take inspections seriously



Inspection fees

If a breach is identified at your business, you will be fined £154 per hour until the breach is corrected.



Legal costs

If you fail to comply, you could be prosecuted. The average cost of a fine per conviction is £147,000.



Reputation damage

Your business' reputation could face serious damage if you fail an inspection, potentially leading to losses.

How you can prepare



Designated person

Appoint someone to be responsible for health and safety in the workplace. Someone with the experience in health and safety is ideal.



Documentation

Create documents like risk assessments or accident or near miss reporting documents and keep track of when you have used these documents.



Establish policies

Ensure that all employees in your business are aware of, and work within the established health and safety policies, and make health and safety a priority.

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