



HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

PRESSURE SYSTEMS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) will ensure that, as far as is reasonably practicable, all Pressure Systems and Pressure Vessels in use within the Service are designed and constructed, installed, marked, operated, maintained and tested in accordance with the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 Regulations.

2. EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

HFRS has a legal responsibility under the Equality Act 2010, and a commitment, to ensure it does not discriminate either directly or indirectly in any of its functions and services nor in its treatment of staff, in relation to race, sex, disability, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, gender reassignment or marriage and civil partnership. It also has a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants, employees and service users.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Service is committed to do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its employee and other persons.

The Service understands that the Regulations are in place to control the risk posed to safety by pressure systems.

Every piece of equipment provided by the Service will be assessed for risk. This includes pressure systems.

4. REDUCING THE RISK

The Service will do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure that pressure systems used, or intended to be used, at work are safe. The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 will form the basis of the risk control measures that are implemented.

Certain Regulations apply to designers, manufacturers, suppliers or those that modify pressure systems. The Service will do all that is reasonably practicable to ensure those responsible in relation to Service equipment carry out their duty.

Pressure systems will be subject to risk assessment under the direction of the Fleet and Equipment Section and these will be recorded, and the significant findings made available to employees.

Pressure systems will be subject to regular examination according to a written scheme. Competent persons will carry out examinations and relevant examination reports will be kept in accordance with the Regulations. Pressure systems will be subject to maintenance programmes that ensure they are in good repair. The Fleet and Equipment Manager is responsible for the maintenance programme.

Personnel who are expected to use pressure systems will receive instruction on its safe operation and the actions to be taken in the event of an emergency before they use the equipment. Watch Managers must ensure that personnel under their command maintain their competence to use the equipment.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information the Approved Code of Practice can be obtained from the Health and Safety Section.

6. EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES

Regulation 14 of Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 places the following duties on all employees:

- Using equipment, safe systems of work and procedures provided by the employer in accordance with training and instruction given.
- Informing the employer without delay of any situation which may present a serious and imminent danger.
- Notifying the employer of any shortcomings in the health and safety arrangements.

7. MONITORING

Supervisors of personnel using pressure systems will monitor their performance. Assessment will be used to ensure the competence of operational personnel who use or may use pressure systems.

8. REVIEW

Assessments will be reviewed annually and on other occasions that include:

- A change in legislation.
- A change in control measures.
- A significant change in the work carried out or the environment it is carried out in new technology.
- Any other reasons to suspect that the original assessment is no longer valid or could be improved upon.

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