

Appendix E

Electricity at Work Regulations 1989

The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 came into force on 1st April 1990. The purpose of the regulations is to require precautions to be taken against the risk of death or personal injury from electricity in work activities. The regulations are made under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 which imposes duties principally on employers, the self employed, and on employees including certain classes of trainees. The regulations impose duties on persons (duty holders) in respect of **systems, electrical equipment and conductors** and in respect of work activities on or near electrical equipment. These duties are in addition to those imposed by the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Notes

- (a) Reference should be made to the following HSE Publications:
- Memorandum of guidance on the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 HSR25.
 - Electricity at work – Safe working practices HSG85.
 - Safety in electrical testing work INDG354 (rev 1).
 - Electrical test equipment for use on low voltage electrical systems GS38 (4th Edition).
- (b) Guidance on the management of electrical safety and safe isolation procedures for low voltage installations produced by Electrical Safety First in conjunction with the HSE and SELECT.

Copies can be downloaded from the following websites:

www.select.org.uk

www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk