



Access and Egress Safe Working Practices

The Health and Safety at Work Act places a duty on both the employer and the employee to maintain safe access to the place of work at all times. Similarly safe egress must be ensured. That is, the normal entry and exit routes to the workplace must remain unobstructed and clear of hazards. Moreover, emergency exits must always be kept clear of obstructions and available for immediate use in an emergency. The law applies to all places of work. Offices, harbours, construction sites, swimming pools and other leisure facilities are examples of sites subject to this law.

Risk assessments must be carried out and recorded to ensure access and egress to all workplaces, whether permanent or temporary, remain safe.