



Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 37

PART I

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN CONNECTION WITH WORK, AND CONTROL OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND CERTAIN EMISSIONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE

General duties

7 **General duties of employees at work.**

It shall be the duty of every employee while at work—

- (a) to take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself and of other persons who may be affected by his acts or omissions at work; and
- (b) as regards any duty or requirement imposed on his employer or any other person by or under any of the relevant statutory provisions, to co-operate with him so far as is necessary to enable that duty or requirement to be performed or complied with.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 1–25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 34–59, 80, 81 and 82 applied by [S.I. 1989/840](#), [arts. 2–10](#)
- C2** S. 7 modified (15.11.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2831](#), [reg. 5\(1\)](#)
Ss. 1–59, 80–82 applied (11.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2127](#), [arts. 4\(1\)](#), 5(1)(2), 6(1), 7(1), 8(1), 10 (with [art. 11](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2009/1750](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(4\)](#))
- C3** Ss. 1–59, 80–82 applied (temp.) (5.8.2009) by The Health and Safety at [Work etc. Act 1974](#) ([Application outside Great Britain](#)) Order 2001 ([S.I. 2001/2127](#)), [arts. 8A, 8B](#) (as inserted by [S.I. 2009/1750](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#))

Status:

Point in time view as at 16/01/2009. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, Section 7.