

---

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**1999 No. 3232**

The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999

PART II

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

**Prior risk assessment etc.**

7.—(1) Before a radiation employer commences a new activity involving work with ionising radiation in respect of which no risk assessment has been made by him, he shall make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risk to any employee and other person for the purpose of identifying the measures he needs to take to restrict the exposure of that employee or other person to ionising radiation.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), a radiation employer shall not carry out work with ionising radiation unless he has made an assessment sufficient to demonstrate that—

- (a) all hazards with the potential to cause a radiation accident have been identified; and
- (b) the nature and magnitude of the risks to employees and other persons arising from those hazards have been evaluated.

(3) Where the assessment made for the purposes of this regulation shows that a radiation risk to employees or other persons exists from an identifiable radiation accident, the radiation employer shall take all reasonably practicable steps to—

- (a) prevent any such accident;
- (b) limit the consequences of any such accident which does occur; and
- (c) provide employees with the information, instruction and training, and with the equipment necessary, to restrict their exposure to ionising radiation.

(4) The requirements of this regulation are without prejudice to the requirements of regulation 3 (Risk assessment) of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992<sup>(1)</sup>.

---

(1) S.I. 1992/2051.