



## **CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL** **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE**

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### **HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAMMES AND INSPECTION RATING SYSTEM**

#### **Planned Programmed Inspections**

These inspections are computer generated on a monthly basis and their regularity is determined by the risk category allocated to the premises from the previous programmed inspection. The allocation of "Risk Category" is explained in the next section under Inspection Rating System.

When a programmed inspection takes place, this will involve an examination of an employer's activity in relation to the duties and requirements of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and related legislation. The inspecting officer has the option of focusing on a particular topic rather than general issues ; e.g gas safety, fork lift truck safety etc

#### **Other Inspections**

These include checking on work required from a previous inspection; an investigation of an accident or incident; investigation of complaints (from employee or public); advisory visits etc.

#### **Inspection Rating System**

All premises are risk assessed and reviewed after each planned programmed inspection with a view to enabling resources to be targeted at those employers and activities that pose the greatest risk to health and safety.

The rating system contains seven elements, each of which are rated on a scale of 1-6 (where 6 represents the worst situation). These elements comprise Safety Hazard; Health Hazard; Safety Risk; Health Risk; Welfare; Public Risk and Confidence in Management. Each element is weighted (given multipliers), with greater weighting being applied to the health and safety risks to employees, public risk and confidence in management.

The Local Authority Health and Safety Inspector will use his/her professional judgement during a planned programmed inspection to assess and categorise those premises into a risk group, which will accordingly determine the frequency of further programmed inspections.

The risk categories and minimum frequency of inspections are: -

A	every 12 months
B1	every 18 months
B2	every 24 months
B3	every 36 months
B4	every 60 months
C	every 72 months

The complete Inspection Rating System and procedure can be provided on request, in writing, to The Environmental Health Manager, Castlereagh Borough Council, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB.

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000**

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 aims to ensure open government and gives a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by public authorities.

As a result of this a member of the general public, further to a request being made, has a right to see information held by the Council relating to your premises.