

The following statement is taken from Nottingham Community Housing Association's Health and Safety Policy, which is issued and explained to all staff upon commencing employment within the organisation.

2.9 Environmental Management

It is our policy to do all that is reasonably practicable to:

- Maintain current and reliable information on the environmental impact of the goods and services that we supply and make this available on demand to enable our Clients to make informed choices
- Understand the sensitivities of our Clients, including the pressures of growing and changing statutory and public concern about environmental issues, and assist them in complying with environmental best practice
- Identify opportunities to reduce any environmental impact of our activities at an early stage and adopt these changes where appropriate
- Communicate our environmental performance both within the Association and to the external community
- Raise staff awareness of environmental issues and promote individual good practice
- Require our suppliers to provide goods and services with the minimum adverse environmental impact, and give preference to environmentally aware suppliers whenever possible
- Ensure that we purchase goods and materials which comply fully with UK government and EU legislation and recognised environmental best practice
- Make efficient and environmentally responsible use of energy, water and other natural resources
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent pollution of both the local and wider environments
- Employ sound waste management practices
- Develop and maintain emergency procedures to deal effectively with any significant environmental hazards which may arise as a result of our activities.
- Recycle equipment, waste products, and redundant items and reduce the consumption of consumables.
- Use, store, control and dispose of hazardous materials in line with the best environmental practices.
- Employees are asked to co-operate in the operation of this policy and make a positive contribution to environmental protection by making themselves aware of the Association's environmental policy and complying with the control measures in place.