

HS38 Vibration | Standard Operating Procedure

1. Background information

1.1. Introduction/Purpose

1.1.1. This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) details the processes for use of vibration-causing hand tools at SOAS University of London.

1.2. Roles and Responsibilities

1.2.1. In accordance with The Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005, the designated health and safety (H&S) person will ensure that where the use of vibration-causing hand tools cannot be reduced, suitable safeguarding procedures are brought in, including where appropriate, anti-vibration gloves.

- Managing health risks is no different to managing safety risks.
- Everyone has a role to play.

2. Main Content

2.1. Assessing Risk

2.1.1. SOAS will adopt the following clear plan for assessing and controlling construction health risks:

- Plan the overall strategy.
- Identify the health hazards linked to the work being carried out.
- Assess the significance of these hazards.
- Involve workers in managing health risks.

2.2. Control

2.2.1. The university will make clear plans to:

- Prevent risks before work starts.
- Control any remaining risk.
- Train workers.

2.3. Review

2.3.1. In order to ensure that controls are working, SOAS will:

- Supervise workers.
- Maintain controls.
- Monitor controls to ensure that they are effective.
- Act in order to correct any problems.