


Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974

The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (also referred to as HSWA, the HSW Act, the 1974 Act or HASAWA) is the primary piece of legislation covering occupational health and safety in Great Britain. The Health and Safety Executive, with local authorities (and other enforcing authorities) is responsible for enforcing the Act and a number of other Acts and Statutory Instruments relevant to the working environment.

The full text of the Act (as amended) is available at [legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)  where it can also be downloaded free of charge.

- [Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974](#) 