

Sector plan for health and safety: **Film, broadcasting, theatre and events**

This sector covers entertainment and creative arts, including film production, television and radio broadcasting, the performing arts, cultural and sporting events, exhibitions, festivals, conferences and corporate hospitality.

This sector is worth billions of pounds to the GB economy and has a high public, political and media profile.

Current position

The sector is considered to have a low risk profile. However, due to the wide range of innovative, creative and fast-moving work involved, there is potential for serious and fatal incidents. Catastrophic incidents affecting the public at large events, for example the collapse of a temporary structure, can occur if risks are not properly managed and controlled.

Health risks to workers include musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), work-related stress, fatigue and exposure to high noise levels.

Safety risks include slips and trips, falls from height and workplace transport accidents.

With the exception of film and broadcasting, and erecting and dismantling temporary structures at events, local authorities (LAs) are responsible for enforcing health and safety law in this sector unless they are in control of the activity.

HSE directs and supports the work of LA regulators through application of the National LA Enforcement Code and guidance.

Outcomes and priorities

Given the low risk profile, this sector will not be a priority for proactive HSE effort. We will

continue to work with LA partners to focus on the following outcomes:

- Reduce the risk of low-frequency, high-consequence events during production and construction activities
- Direct LAs to evidence-based priorities through application of the LA National Code and guidance
- Support the HGBWW strategy goals by engaging with national stakeholders



What HSE will do to #HelpGBworkwell

We will secure effective management and control of risk by:

- delivering targeted interventions in the construction and dismantling of temporary structures;
- providing guidance, advice and support to stakeholders to reflect new and innovative ways of working by monitoring industry developments;
- providing direction and guidance to support LA's regulatory activities, including the targeting of higher-risk sectors/activities in line with the LA National Code.

We will lead and engage with others to improve workplace health and safety by:

- supporting strategic industry initiatives that show leadership in tackling key problems and the application of sensible risk management;
- delivering the objectives set out in the Helping Great Britain work well (HGBWW) strategy by engaging with national stakeholders including trade/professional associations and trade unions in the Joint Advisory Committee on Entertainment;
- engaging with other regulators, government departments and devolved governments, promoting an evidence-based, joined-up proportionate approach to risk management and regulation.

We will provide an effective regulatory framework by:

- providing advice and guidance to stakeholders and regulators on consistent and proportionate compliance and enforcement.