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Risk assessments are required to enable employers to identify the potential hazards and risks that their employees may encounter in the course of their work.

The risk assessment process can therefore be used to identify and evaluate the risks that are presented by the activities we undertake each day, and to develop control measures to either eliminate or control the effects of the hazards. For every assessment, it is equally important to ensure that those affected are informed of the risks and of the proposed control measures to ensure that they are not placed at unnecessary risk.

Prior to staff working in any service user's home, an environmental risk assessment will have been completed, and a record of this will be kept in the service user's records.

The assessor will complete an *Environmental Risk Assessment* which will identify any specific areas of concern and look at ways of reducing any risks.

Environmental Risk Assessments should be reviewed at least every 12 months, but ALL staff have a responsibility to report any changes in the environment they work in that could impact on their health and safety.

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