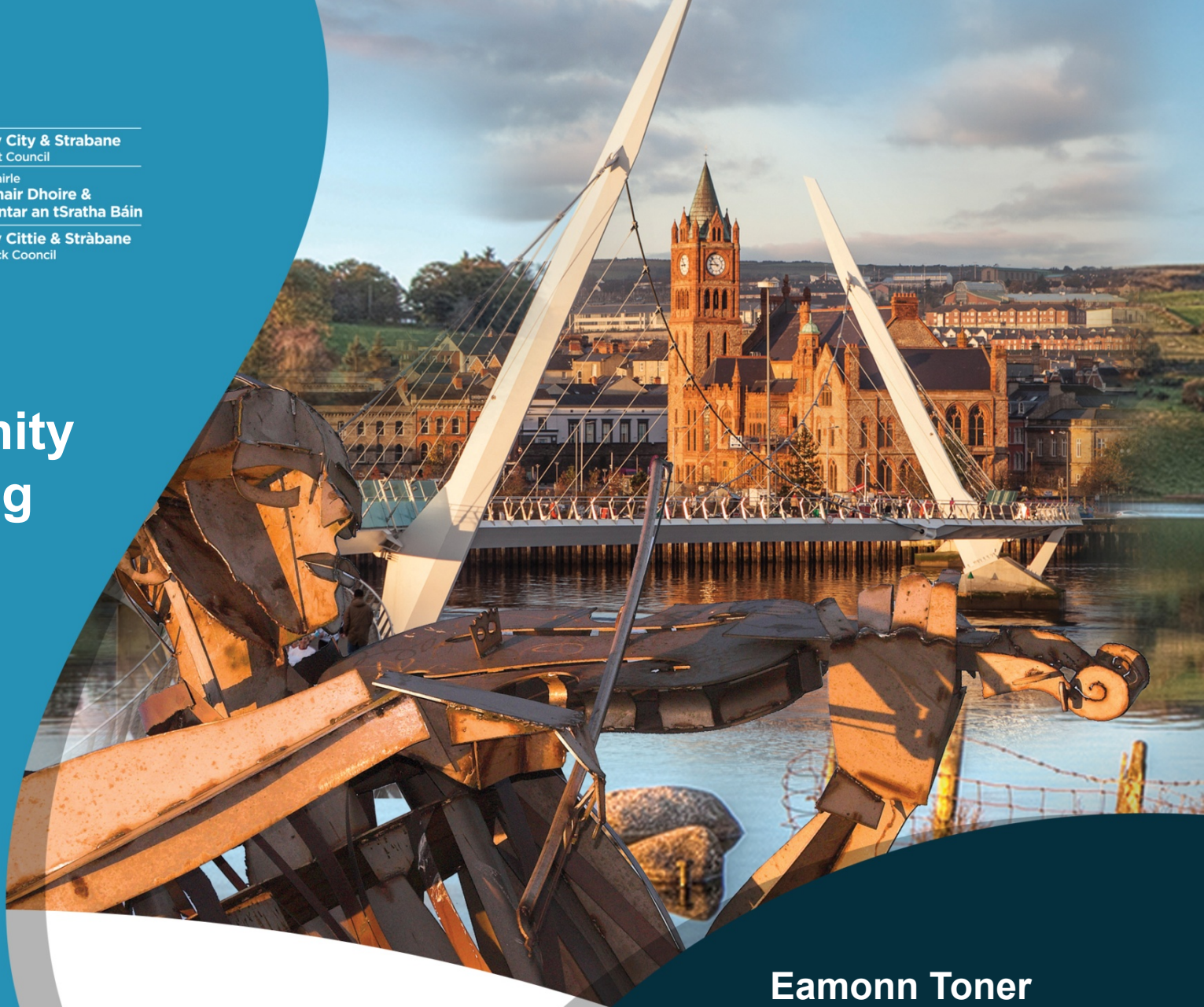




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# Health & Community Wellbeing



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# Some Potential Hazards

- **Gas** – e.g. Explosion, Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- **Electricity** – e.g. Electrocutation, Fire
- **Slips, Trips, Falls** – e.g. Spillages, Poor Housekeeping
- **Noise** – e.g. Excessive Sound and Exposure
- **Confined Spaces** – e.g. Asphyxiation
- **Manual Handling** – e.g. Heavy Lifting
- **Violence** – e.g. Aggressive Behaviour
- **Access/Egress** – e.g. Restricted, Blocked

# Gas Safety

- **Gas systems must properly installed and maintained as per manufacturers instructions (appliances, pipework and ventilation)**
- **Maintenance must be carried out by a competent person i.e. An appropriately registered Gas Safe Engineer**
- **Evidence of maintenance/Appropriate Gas Safety Certificates**
- **You should consult the Gas Safe Register**  
[www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk)
- **Check an Engineer: 0800 408 5500** for specific details regarding competence of registered gas engineers



# Electricity

- **Electrical systems must be maintained so as to prevent danger**
- **A Competent person** e.g. NICEIC registered engineer **should be used**
- **Premises should have up to date evidence of maintenance of the fixed electrical system** e.g. electrical installation condition report
- **Many issues can be identified visually**
- **Portable appliance testing (PAT) should be considered as part of the risk assessment process**



# Slips, Trips and Falls

- **Current joint campaign between Councils and HSENI**

## Slips and Trips

- **preventing floors becoming contaminated, correct cleaning methods, proper footwear, prevent trailing cables**

## Falls

- **Avoid work at height where possible, work from the ground** e.g. window cleaners
- **Provide suitable physical measures if working at height** e.g. edge protection



# Noise at Work

- **Exposure to excessively loud music can lead to short term and long term hearing damage**
- **Noise assesment is required if an employee is exposed to a daily or weekly avergae of 80 decibels or above, or a peak of 135 decibels**
- **Need to consider the volume of noise and length of exposure**
- **Competent acoustic consultant should be used to carry out the assessment**
- **Implement the nosie control measures as identified in the assessment e.g. hearing protection, staff rotation, structural changes**



# Confined Spaces

- **Consider underground cellars, stores and cold rooms**
- **CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> cylinders must be stored upright e.g. a chain while in use**
- **Storage areas must be ventilated or have a CO<sub>2</sub> monitor/alarm where kegs or CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> cylinders are stored**
- **Competent person to carry out risk assessment**
- **Evidence of effective control measures and copy of the assessment should be available**





# Manual Handling

- **‘TILE Assessment’** - consider the **T**ask, **I**ndividual, **L**oad and the **E**nvironment
- **Avoid hazardous lifting**
- **Use manual handling aids where possible** e.g. keg trolleys, goods lifts etc
- **Train staff on proper lifting techniques and keep training records**



# Violence at Work

- **A risk assessment must be undertaken**
- **Appropriate control measures must be put in place**
- **Consider: door supervisors, CCTV, policies, staff training etc**
- **Review and implement any learning**



# Risk Assessment

- **Underpins health and safety legislation**
- **If you have 5 or more employees, you must record the significant findings of your assessment**
- **Communicate the significant findings to staff**
- **Implement effective control measures**
- **Review your risk assessment**  
e.g. following an accident,  
introduction of a new piece of  
work equipment or practice,  
receipt of a complaint



EXIT

**FIRE  
EXIT**  
EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY  
**DO NOT  
BLOCK**

EMERGENCY EXIT - PUSH  
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



# Some Useful Links

[www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)

[www.hseni.gov.uk](http://www.hseni.gov.uk)

[www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk)

[www.derrystrabane.com](http://www.derrystrabane.com)

[www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies](http://www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies)