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Researcher Development Framework
Vitae framework:
www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers-professional-development/about-the-vitae-researcher-development-framework

Responsible Research
Guidance on managing health and safety in research
www.ucea.ac.uk/en/publications/index.cfm/mhandsr

Safety Culture
See Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH): Promoting a positive culture-a guide to health and safety culture

"So far as is reasonably practicable", SFAIRP
The HSW Act and other safety legislation impose certain duties and responsibilities on employers and duty holders with respect to the health, safety and welfare of their employees and others who may be affected by their activity.

Some of these duties are 'absolute' and must be complied with, such as the duty of employers to "undertake a suitable and sufficient risk assessment" of work-related risks. But some are qualified by the phrases 'so far as is practicable' and 'so far as is reasonably practicable'. The meanings of these phrases have been established by case law.

To carry out a duty *fa a ea ab ac cab* means that the degree of risk in a particular environment or activity can be balanced against the time, trouble, cost and physical difficulty of taking measures to avoid the risk. The greater the risk, the greater the rigour that may be expected to control it.

The duty to take reasonably practicable measures is one of the most widespread requirements in modern UK health and safety law. One example can be seen in Section 13 of the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992, where it states that reasonably practicable measures should be put in place to stop people falling or being struck by falling objects in the workplace.

S fa a ac cab, without the word 'reasonably', implies a stricter standard. This duty embraces whatever is technically possible in light of the knowledge that the duty holder had, should have had, or had access to at that time (ignorance is no defence). The cost, time and trouble involved must not be taken into account. Again referring to the risks of falls, Section 13 of the Workplace Regulations goes on to stipulate: "So far as is practicable, every tank, pit or structure where there is a risk of a person in the workplace falling into a dangerous substance in the tank, pit or structure, shall be securely covered or fenced."

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"G e a d e b d e a e a e e b f e a e ed ca ee e e b e a afe a d ec e e e a ace f d b a f B f a e e a f a c e ca e a e c ed b e f a e d c a e e c ca e b a e a."

Aaron Porter, Associate Director (Governance), Leadership Foundation

"U e e a a e be f de , aff a d ca e e e da , a d e afe f a a a ce . T e da ce de ac ca a d da ed ad ce f a e ed ea a d afe a a e e e e . l e f e ce e a e ea a d afe c e e ed ca ."

Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive of Universities UK

"T a c ea a d ac ca e ce a e eade a a e e e bed effec e ea a d afe a a e e ac e ."

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