

# STRESS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Anglian Land Drainage 2019



## Introduction

**We are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our employees. We recognise that workplace stress is a health and safety issue and acknowledge the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors.**

**This policy will apply to everyone in the company. Managers are responsible for implementation and the company is responsible for providing the necessary resources.**

## Definition of stress

The Health and Safety Executive define stress as “the adverse reaction people have to excessive pressure or other types of demand placed on them”. This makes an important distinction between pressure, which can be a positive state if managed correctly, and stress which can be detrimental to health.

## Policy

- Anglian Land Drainage Ltd will identify all workplace stressors and conduct risk assessments to eliminate stress or control the risks from stress. These risk assessments will be regularly reviewed.
- Anglian Land Drainage Ltd will provide training for all managers and supervisory staff in good management practices.
- Anglian Land Drainage Ltd will provide confidential counselling for staff affected by stress caused by either work or external factors.
- Anglian Land Drainage Ltd will provide adequate resources to enable managers to implement the company's agreed stress management strategy.

## Responsibilities

### Managers

- Conduct and implement recommendations of risks assessments within their jurisdiction.
- Ensure good communication between management and staff, particularly where there are organisational and procedural changes.
- Ensure staff are fully trained to discharge their duties.
- Ensure staff are provided with meaningful developmental opportunities.

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- Monitor workloads to ensure that people are not overloaded.
- Monitor working hours and overtime to ensure that staff are not overworking. Monitor holidays to ensure that staff are taking their full entitlement.
- Attend training as requested in good management practice and health and safety.
- Ensure that bullying and harassment is not tolerated within their jurisdiction.
- Be vigilant and offer additional support to a member of staff who is experiencing stress outside work e.g. bereavement or separation.

## Employees

- Raise issues of concern with your Safety Representative, line manager or occupational health.
- Accept opportunities for counselling when recommended.

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