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Relevant Health and Safety at Work Legislation

M1 Since 1 July 1998, all police activities have been subject to health and safety at work legislation. This legislation is criminal law and breach of the legislation can result in criminal prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) who are the enforcing authority. The main pieces of health and safety legislation that cover the use of less lethal options are:

- The Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.
- The Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.
- The Electricity at Work Regulation (Northern Ireland) 1991.
- The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993.
- The Manual Handling Operations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992.
- The Police (Health and Safety) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.
- The Police (Health and Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000.
- The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003.
- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000.
- The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.
- Workplace (Health Safety and Welfare) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993.
- Work at Height Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.
- Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003.
- Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.

M2 All near misses/accidents in the workplace should be reported via force reporting systems.