



## **General Principles of Prevention**

The General Principles of Prevention as set out by the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (Ireland). These principles take into account that all workplace risk cannot be eliminated completely, however these principles should be used in order to reduce the risk to as low as is reasonably possible.

- 1. The avoidance of risks**
- 2. The evaluation of unavoidable risks**
- 3. The combating of risks at source**
- 4. The adoption of work to the individual**

With regard the design of places of work, the choice of work equipment and the choice of systems of work, with a view, in particular, to alleviating monotonous work and work at a predetermined work rate and to reducing the effect of this work on health.

- 5. The adaptation of the place of work to technical progress**
- 6. The replacement of dangerous articles or systems**

The replacement of dangerous articles or systems of work with safe or less dangerous articles, substances or systems of work.

- 7. Giving priority to collective protective measures over individual protective measures**

- 8. The development of an adequate prevention policy**

The policy in relation to safety, health and welfare at work, takes account of technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social factors and the influence of factors related to the working environment.

- 9. Giving appropriate training and instructions to employees.**