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VDU WORKSTATION CHECKLIS	T FOR RISK	ASSESSMENT AND COMP	PLYING WITH THE S	CHEDULE TO	THE REGULATIONS		
Workstation number: (if applicable)		Date of asse					
User:		Follow up ac	tion completed on:				
Checklist completed by:		factors" to "a	mpleting: For risk assection completed" inclu	sive. Where the	ete columns headed "risk answer is 'Yes' in the		
			uipment complies with		answer 'Yes' to questions in the		
RISK FACTORS	TICK ANSWER YES NO	HELP	FURTHER ACTION IF NEEDED	ACTION COMPLETED	FURTHER POINTS TO SATISFY WHEN INTRODUCING EQUIPMENT		
1 Is the display screen image clear?			ı				
☐ Are the characters readable?		☐ Is the screen clean?					
Health and Safety Executive  Health and Safety Executive		□ May need supplier's help					
☐ Is the image free of flicker and movement?		☐ Try different screen colour to reduce flicker					
		☐ Still problems? Refer to equipment supplier					
☐ Are the brightness and/or contrast adjustable?		☐ Separate adjustment may not be necessary on latest technology					
☐ Does the screen swivel and tilt?		Swivel and tilt need not be built in.Can you add a tilt mechanism?			9,		
		☐ If work is intensive, and user has problems, may need to replace					



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2 Is the keyboard comfortable? 2 Is the keyboard tiltable? 3 Can you find a comfortable keying position?		□ Use mirror placed in front of screen to check where reflections are coming from □ Try to move the screen, desk or source of reflections □ Adjust lighting or window coverings. Check that blinds are more effective than horizontal blinds). □ If you have tried these suggestions, consider an anti-glare screen filter or seek specialist help □ Tilt need not be built in □ Is the user keying properly? □ hands shouldn't be bent up at the wrist □ is user applying a soft touch on the keys? □ is the user overstretching the fingers? □ Is the keyboard separate from the screen?			□ Is the screen surface low reflectance material?
BILL		□ Does the keyboard need repositioning? If not separate from the screen, may need replacing			
Is there enough space to rest hands in front of the keyboard?		☐ Can VDU monitor be pushed further back? (see 3 below)			1
Is the keyboard glare free?		☐ Seek supplier's help			
Are the characters on the keys easily readable?		☐ Keyboard may need cleaning, modifying or replacing	ar a		

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Does the furniture 'fit' the work and the user?  Is the work surface large enough for documents, monitor, keyboard, etc?		☐ Can printer/files etc go elsewhere to make more room?			☐ Is it large enough to take all of the necessary equipment, keyboard etc in a variety of layouts?
		☐ Is the user making repeated or awkward stretching movements?			ma randy of layouto.
		☐ Can you rearrange equipment, paper or work to avoid discomfort?	-		
		☐ May need to provide more space or resite sockets			
Is the surface free of glare reflections?		<ul><li>□ Consider mats or blotters for larger areas</li><li>□ Contact the supplier</li></ul>			□ Does the workstation furniture have a low reflectance surface?
Is the chair stable?  Do the adjustment		☐ It may need repair or replacing in 1996 if it does not adjust.			□ Does it swivel?
mechanisms work?  Are you comfortable?		If the user is uncomfortable it may need replacing now			☐ Does the seat height adjus☐ Does the seat back
Are you connot able :		☐ Is the user sitting properly?  Try adjusting chair  ☐ are arms horizontal and eyes at roughly			adjust in height and tilt?
		the same height as the top of the VDU casing?			
X		<ul><li> are feet flat on the floor?</li><li> too much pressure on backs of legs and</li></ul>			
		knees may mean a foot rest is needed is the small of the back supported by the chair?	-	79	
		is the back straight, but supported and shoulders relaxed, or is user leaning forward?			
		are arms of chair (if any) preventing user getting close enough to key comfortably?			
		☐ Are there obstructions under the desk that need to be moved?			

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4 Is the environment around the workstation risk-free?  Is there enough room to change position and vary movement?  Are the levels of light, heat and noise comfortable?  Does the air feel comfortable?  Is the software user-friendly?  Can you comfortably use the software?			□ User needs space to fidget □ Will reorganising office layout help? □ Check for obstructions □ Light could be too bright, or not bright enough to comfortably read by. Consider shading or repositioning light sources or consider more lighting, eg table light □ Can you distance user from sources of noise or heat (eg printer)? If not, consider sound-proofing or increase ventilation □ Equipment may dry the air: circulation of fresh air where possible, and plants may help □ Consider a humidifier if discomfort severe □ Has the user had enough training?			□ Is there adequate room for the workstation?  □ Is it suitable lighting for VDU work? □ Is it being sited in the best place. □ Is equipment quiet? □ What about when a lot is in one area? □ Will more equipment significantly raise the temperature? □ How will reasonable humidity be achieved? □ Is the software suitable for the task? □ Can it be easily used with appropriate training?
☐ Has this checklist covered all of the comfort problems you might have working with your VDU?	afil			38		Does it give feedback, eg adequate help messages?
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