

## Regulation 14 - Window Film

When installed, safety film holds glass together on impact. There have been many injuries sustained by glass since it became the law that existing glass must be upgraded to break safely and must meet EN12600 European impact tests.

It is imperative that building owners, building managers, tenants and health and safety managers are aware of glass types in the locations within Regulation 14. Failing to do so could result in measures as severe as a corporate manslaughter charge. Penalties where injuries are sustained through glass that does not meet Regulation 14 are unlimited.

### The Law

#### *The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992*

Since 1975 the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA) has required employers, the self-employed and certain people who have control over workplaces to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of anyone who may be affected by their work activities. So if glazing constitutes a risk, reasonably practicable measures need to be taken to deal with it.

#### *What Regulation 14 Requires*

The Regulation requires that every window or other transparent or translucent surface in a wall partition, door or gate should, where necessary for reasons of health or safety, be of a safety material or be protected against breakage of the transparent or translucent material; and be appropriately marked or incorporate features to make it apparent.

Employers who fail to meet this legal obligation run the risk of costly litigation should an accident occur involving these glazed areas.

Initially, a risk assessment of your glazing is undertaken to ascertain whether or not there is a risk of injury (Recommendations can be found in BS 6262 Part 4)

### Solution

We can come to your premises and carry out a full Regulation 14 glass survey to identify all glass that falls within the parameters of this law and supply you with a report on the overall condition of your glazing, detailing any glazing that needs safety film. Installing safety window film, with the correct EN12600 marking, to any glass that falls within these parameters means you can be confident that your glass is safe and meets the required legislation.

### Areas Of Glass Within Regulation 14 That Require Upgrading If Not Conformant

Any glass that falls within the red area requires that the entire pane be upgraded

