



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

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## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Birmingham Orthotic Services recognise that their activities can impact upon the Environment.

By a process of continuous improvement, linked to the Quality Management System, Birmingham Orthotic Services shall undertake activities such as energy usage reduction, packaging waste reduction and recycling, production waste recycling, scrap reduction and raw material selection to minimise their impact upon the Environment.

Birmingham Orthotic Services will comply with all relevant National and International legislation.

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## Introduction

Birmingham Orthotic Services accepts that all activities carried out at all of its sites can impact upon the Environment.

It is noted that there are no processes carried out that can be considered to be of immediate impact upon the local or global environment. Within the Company there is no excessive use of solvents, as in adhesive coating. There are no processes with high energy consumption such as textile drying or smelting or welding. There are no processes that involve the use of toxic substances and there are no processes that cause significant volumes of waste that requires special disposal or landfill.

However, it is socially and morally responsible for the Company to reduce waste, in terms of both waste material and energy.

Accordingly, the following actions shall be adopted:-

## Heating

1. All connecting doors shall be closed.
2. Air conditioning shall be operated to ensure optimum comfort by the use of programmed functions.
3. All outer (Stores) doors shall be kept closed during the winter.
4. Heat losses shall be assessed and action taken such as the insulation of metal walls.

## Lighting

1. Light shall be turned off in rooms that are not in use, ie Lab, archive, Boardroom.
2. PIR sensors shall be used/considered in areas such as the kitchen, mixing room etc that are not in constant use.
3. Incandescent bulbs shall be replaced with low energy fluorescent bulbs.



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In addition, consideration shall be given to the use of solar panels and similar renewable technology to reduce energy consumption.

## Paper

1. Only new/ fresh paper shall be used for documents that are to go to outside recipients.
2. Semi-scrap / part used paper shall be used for internal printing / notes.
3. All scrap paper shall be recycled.
4. All scrap brown boxes and cardboard shall be placed into allocated skip/Bin.
6. E-mail shall be used whenever possible.

## Waste

1. All plastic waste from manufacturing and other areas shall be recycled.
- 2/. All manufacturing sections shall set targets to ensure a reduction in scrap product manufacture.

## Quality System Issues

1. Environmental aspects of processes shall be audited at the same time as Quality system audits.
2. Results of such audits shall be included in the Management Review.



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## Other initiatives

The Company shall consider and implement, as appropriate, additional initiatives such as:-

- a) The use of mugs and glasses in the drinks machine to save on polystyrene cups.
- b) The use of filtered, as opposed to, bottled water.
- c) The recycling of old computers to charities.
- d) The recycling of old ink jet cartridges to charities
- e) Promotion of the use of cars with emissions less than 200 g/kg.



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