

# Environmental Policy Statement

Arco is the UK's leading safety products and services company with a core purpose of keeping people safe at work. We recognise our corporate responsibility and are committed to controlling our environmental impacts through compliance with legislation, best practice, citizenship, responsible stewardship and continual improvement through our Sustainability Strategy.

Through our Sustainable Strategy implementation and four action pillars: Climate, Colleague, Circulatory and Community, we will provide continued emphasis on transparency and demonstrate our commitment and respect for the planet. Our future priorities will reflect the material issues for Arco, our partners and our customers.

#### In pursuit of our environmental goals, Arco will:

- Assess, monitor and reduce environmental risks from operations through our Aspects and Impacts Register
- Set annual improvement objectives and measure/review our performance. Maintain an Environmental Management System to meet the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001:2015.

#### To minimise waste from our activities, Arco is committed to the following waste hierarchy:

**Eliminate** waste from our operations as far as is practicable. **Reduce** our use of resources and avoid the need to discard materials in general. **Re-use** materials, where possible. **Recycle** and pre-treat waste by segregating items for recycling. **Recover** waste materials to be transferred into energy. **Dispose** of waste correctly as required by the Protection of the Environment Act 2003.

#### Our people managers are responsible for:

- Ensuring the implementation, communication and compliance of environmental requirements
- Ensuring all colleagues, apprentices, contractors and other workers receive the appropriate information, instruction, training and supervision to enable them to be aware of environmental risks and opportunities
- Ensuring all relevant environmental risks and hazards are identified, the hierarchy of control applied and results detailed in a suitable and sufficient risk assessment
- Providing and maintaining suitable and sufficient safe systems of work, safe plant and equipment that consider environmental risks.

Every colleague is encouraged to raise concerns, speak up or act if they identify an issue or concern. This is supported by our Colleagues' Safety Pledge of See It, Sort It, Report It and our Worksafe Policy. We ask our colleagues for their co-operation on environmental issues and ask that they do not interfere with, or misuse anything provided to protect or enhance the environment.

All environmental incidents will be reported, recorded and investigated to determine the root cause, implement remedial actions and prevent recurrence. These will be discussed at the SHE Committee Meetings which encourage consultation and participation of colleagues.

Compliance with this policy will be monitored internally by our robust auditing programme. To ensure this policy is effective, we will review it annually or in light of any significant changes to our business. This policy will be communicated to all colleagues and made available to any interested parties on request.



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