
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Mines Regulations 2014

PART 6

SAFE EXIT, ESCAPE AND RESCUE

Self-rescuers

57.—(1) In any mine in which the risk assessment carried out in accordance with regulation 3 of the Management Regulations has identified the likelihood of an irrespirable atmosphere, the mine operator must provide—

- (a) suitable self-rescuers for all persons going below ground at the mine; and
- (b) where necessary, safe havens or facilities below ground for the exchange and recharge of self rescuers.

(2) The mine operator must ensure that every person who has been issued with a self-rescuer—

- (a) has been instructed how to use it; and
- (b) does not go below ground without it.

(3) The mine operator must ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, every person who has been issued with a self-rescuer keeps it within the person's reach at all times when below ground.

(4) The mine operator must ensure that all self-rescuers are checked regularly and stored in a suitable place at the mine.

(5) In this regulation, “safe haven” means a place below ground at a mine which is provided with facilities such that persons may wait there in safety to be rescued or until it is safe to leave.