

Environmental Concerns in the Workplace



Environmental concerns in the workplace are fast becoming a watchword for employers and employees, with concerns over issues such as air quality, recycling, water use and travel.

At GUK & RUK we are committed to our own environmental policies (which can be found on the employee portal) and supporting those of our clients.

GUK & RUK are somewhat unique as most of our workforce are located at our clients' sites, rather than our own offices. Wherever your place of work, you can have an impact on the environment.

Some actions that you can take to influence your immediate and wider environment:

- Consider how you commute to work – Public transport has the least impact on the environment.
- All waste should be recycled where possible using the correct waste streams.
- Minimise electricity use – Switch off lights /equipment when not in use.
- Minimise water usage – Report leaks and drips in a timely manner.
- Follow the Environmental Policies and Procedures of your clients.

Security officers and reception staff are well placed to spot potential environmental issues at client sites. When carrying out patrols and daily duties you should look out for lights left on, or machinery, such as air conditioning, that is constantly running.

Where safe to do so, switch off unwanted lighting that you notice. Or if air conditioning units are constantly running, for example, you should take a note and inform the site Facilities or Building Manager. The program timings may need adjusting.

Familiarise yourself with the procedures for fault reporting. This will help to ensure a speedy resolution if you note an environmental issue that can be corrected by the right intervention.

Please follow our ethos of 'Don't Walk By' - if you spot an environmental issue - report it.