

EFFECTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN WELDING PROCESSES: ESSENTIAL GUIDELINES

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Welding operations make up a large group of issues which comprise a variety of procedures, rules and regulations. The range of available brochures and data sheets is quite extensive and somewhat confusing. The [Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#) of Great Britain will help you to get a better grasp of the welding requirements using the [List of essential documents](#).

If you are looking for information about welding operations, the HSE's website contains a number of useful links. The overview list contains all the essential brochures about welding and high-temperature operations and the relevant processes.

The brochures refer to the common issues related to industrial ventilation systems or offer helpful tips for employers. Downloadables also include documents dealing with highly specific aspects, e.g. various welding procedures. The overview covers all the widely used procedures: MAG welding, TIG welding or arc welding.

Metal processing companies will also find information about the cleaning of welding seams with pickling paste or expert advice on health risks.

The list of essential data sheets can be accessed at the HSE's home page:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/guidance/wlseries.htm>

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The advice relating to the applicable regulations refers only to Great Britain. The relevant regulations in your country may be different. It is therefore necessary to check which regulations apply to metal welding processes in your country.

