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Laser local rules should be developed for each area where lasers in excess of Class 2 are in use. The laser local rules need to concentrate on the local arrangements for managing laser safety, taking into account the requirements of the Laser Safety Standard. The level of detail required in laser local rules should reflect the magnitude of the risk involved e.g. Class 3R laser local rules would probably be brief whilst for Class 4 would be more detailed.

Who is responsible for the local rules?

The head of department ensures the local rules are developed, implemented and reviewed regularly for laser work involving laser greater than Class 2M.

The DNIRPA and the responsible person(s) will help develop the departmental local rules and review them regularly. The responsible person will ensure the rules are implemented in their area of responsibility.

Authorised laser users must ensure they follow the local rules applicable to their work,

What should the local rules contain?

The laser local rules normally include the following elements.

- A summary of the scope of the local rules.
- A description of the areas to which they apply.
- Names and contact details for appointed individuals such as the responsible person, the head of department, DNIRPA and UNIRPA.
- Reference to authorised laser workers and other authorised persons.
- A summary of the principal hazards identified in the risk assessment(s)
- Any required safe operating procedures and control measure, including laser scheme of work outcomes
- Details on the emergency procedure
- A summary of incident reporting procedures.
- Details of any 'permit to work' procedures.