



'Golden Rules' – Regulatory Law

Regulatory Law is not always as complicated or difficult to comply with, as it sometimes might seem. Often the things that need to be done to comply with regulations amount to little more than good practice and common sense.

1. The First Golden Rule is 'ignorance of the law is no defence'. Make it your business to find out what regulations or requirements apply to your business. Burying one's head in the sand is not the answer.
2. The Second Golden Rule is never fear to seek free help and advice from the main regulatory authorities such as the Environment Agency, the Health & Safety Executive and VOSA. Perhaps the fear of inviting enforcement action, if the request for assistance highlights a shortcoming or deficiency, is holding you back? Have you ever heard of such a thing happening to anyone you have known? Well neither have we! In any event most of the information you need is readily available from the regulatory authorities' websites as well as our own website.
3. The Third Golden Rule is to prioritise what needs to be done. 'Rome wasn't built in a day, and one cannot do everything at once. All the regulatory authorities publish information leaflets and guidance, many of which are easy to follow. Make it your business to perform the First and Second Golden Rules and draw up an action plan for your business.