

The HSE's Key Messages

Purchasing and Using Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV)

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When purchasing LEV employers must:

- Work out which jobs and activities cause exposure
- Write down what the LEV needs to do - get a reputable supplier to advise you
- Get the right type of LEV to control exposure
- Involve your employees in LEV design or selection
- Make sure the LEV is installed properly and works effectively
- Make sure the LEV has airflow indicators (or equivalent)
- Make sure the supplier provides a User Manual and Log Book (or equivalents)

When using LEV employers must:

- Manage the checking and maintaining of the LEV system
- Train employees to use the LEV properly (ask supplier or an Occupational Hygienist for help)
- Follow instructions in the User Manual (or equivalent)
- Fill in the Log Book and get repairs done
- Get the LEV thoroughly examined and tested 'annually', this is called a Thorough Examination and Test (TEXT)
- Use the thorough examination report as an 'audit', improve if necessary

Get in touch to ensure you are getting the right LEV system to meet the HSE's expectations and protect your staff.