

## Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP)



- Taking water samples to maintain and improve standards in public swimming and bathing areas as well as private water supplies.
- Monitoring radiation activity, taking action when safety levels have been exceeded.
- Ensuring the health and welfare of animal livestock on farms and other premises, as well as during transportation.
- Issuing licences for pet shops and other animal-related businesses.
- Advising on planning and licensing applications.
- Monitoring levels of noise, air, land and water pollution
- Giving talks at public enquiries, meetings and exhibitions, as well as ensuring compliance through education, advice and enforcement; taking enforcement action, initiating legal proceedings, preparing and giving evidence in court;
- Advising on health and safety issues in relation to new buildings and developments and arranging for removal of abandoned vehicles and refuse.

### Typical work activities

Tasks vary according to whether you deal with all environmental health issues or whether you specialise in a particular area.

However, typical activities are likely to include:

**C**arrying out routine or unplanned visits and inspections to ensure compliance with health and safety legislation and taking action to improve conditions

- Providing advice and assistance to householders and businesses
- Taking photos, producing drawings, removing samples and conducting interviews as part of the inspection process
- Investigating complaints from the general public
- Carrying out food hygiene and food standards inspections
- Investigating accidents at work and complaints about poor standards of health and safety, as well as identifying areas of negligence
- Investigating outbreaks of infectious disease and preventing it spreading any further.



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