

Preparing for Climate Change - further advice and support

For advice on issues specific to your business sector, please contact your relevant trade association.

By using the UK Climate Impacts Programme's Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool (BACLIAT) to identify the risks to your business, you may find that there are some specific issues that you wish to explore further. Some of the key areas for action, and relevant points of contact, are listed below to help you start preparing for the changes ahead.

A number of consultancies also provide professional advice and services to businesses in relation to climate adaptation projects. For a list of those that we are currently aware of, please contact Becca Eastman at the South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP); becca.eastman@environment-agency.gov.uk Inclusion in this list does not constitute any official endorsement by SWCCIP of the services offered by consultants, merely an acknowledgement of their existence.

General Advice

South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP)

www.oursouthwest.com/climate In particular, see the 'Tools' and 'Case Studies' pages for useful information. Tel: Becca Eastman (SWCCIP Project Officer) 01392 352230 or Alex Webb (SWCCIP Manager) 01392 442125

UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP) www.ukcip.org.uk Tel: 01865 285717

Funded by Defra, UKCIP was established in 1997 and helps organisations to understand the possible impacts of a changing climate and the opportunities to adapt. UKCIP has developed a range of free resources and tools for decision makers and advisors, including the Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool (BACLIAT) and the Adaptation Wizard. These are all freely available to download from the website or to order on CD (or in some cases, as hard copy). UKCIP works with the regional climate change partnerships throughout the UK, including SWCCIP.

Business Link South West www.businesslink.gov.uk

In particular, see the 'Adapt your business to the effects of climate change' tool: www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?r.l1=1079068363&topicId=1081658406&r.lc=en&r.l2=1079363464&r.s=t Tel: 0845 600 9966

Your relevant trade association may also be able to help.

Advice on insurance issues

- **Association of British Insurers – Climate change website** (includes guidance for businesses on adapting to climate change) www.abi.org.uk/climatechange

For specific queries about insurance cover contact your own insurance provider

Improving your resilience to flooding

- **Environment Agency** www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/flooding/default.aspx
Tel: 0845 602 6340
- **Kitemark** (tested and approved Flood Protection products) www.kitemark.com Tel: 08450 765600

- **National Flood Forum Blue Pages** (directory of builders, suppliers and other service providers who install or provide information on flood protection and resilience products) www.floodforum.org.uk Tel: 01299 403055
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Creating a Business Continuity plan

- **Direct Gov** (business continuity toolkit) www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Dealingwithemergencies/Preparingforemergencies/DG_175927
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Adapting your buildings

- **Property Care Association** (trade body for the structural waterproofing, wood preservation, damp proofing, flood remediation and structural maintenance industries in the UK and can offer advice on these issues) www.property-care.org Tel: 0870 1216737
 - For advice on physical/structural modifications:
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) www.rics.org Tel: 0870 333 1600
Institute of British Architects (RIBA) www.architecture.com Tel: 0207 580 5533
 - **Your Home in a Changing Climate: retrofitting existing homes for climate change impacts** (Three Regions Climate Change Group 2008) www.london.gov.uk/trccg/docs/pub1.pdf
 - **Beating the Heat – Keeping UK buildings cool in a warming climate** (UKCIP, ARUP, DTI 2005) www.arup.com/assets/download/download396.pdf
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Protecting the health and safety of your staff and customers

- **Health and Safety Executive** (advice on risk management) www.hse.gov.uk/risk/ Tel: 0845 345 0055
 - **Business Link** (Health and safety advice) www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotq/action/layer?r.l1=1073858799&topicId=1074402480&r.lc=en&r.s=t | Tel: 0845 600 9966 (Business Link South West)
 - **Heatwave Plan for England** www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_099015
 - **Communities and Local Government** (advice on fire safety) – www.communities.gov.uk/fire/firesafety/ Tel: 020 7944 4400
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Improving your water efficiency

- **Environment Agency** www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/32040.aspx
- **Enhanced Capital Allowances** (tax breaks available for qualifying water efficient products) www.eca-water.gov.uk/
- **Envirowise** www.envirowise.gov.uk Tel: 0800 58 57 94
- **Waterwise** www.waterwise.org.uk Tel: 0207 344 1882

- **Royal Horticulture Society** (for advise on managing green areas in a changing climate www.rhs.org.uk/climate)
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Monitoring the weather

- **Met Office** www.metoffice.gov.uk
 - **Tide tables** (if your business is at risk from coastal flooding and heavy rainfall/storms are predicted, also check tide tables as a high tide can increase the risk of flooding) www.bbc.co.uk/weather/coast/tides/
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