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List of abbreviations

ACOP	approved code of practice
CAD	computer-aided design
CDM	construction, design and management
CDM 2015	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
DSE	display screen equipment
DSEAR	Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002
EU	European Union
FFI	fees for intervention (scheme)
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
MEL	maximum exposure limit
MHSW	Management of Health and Safety at Work (Regulations 1999)
OEL	occupational exposure limit
OES	occupational exposure standard
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
PPE	personal protective equipment
RSI	repetitive strain injury
STEL	short-term exposure limit
SWL	safe working load
TWA	time-weighted average
WEL	workplace exposure limit
WRULD	work-related upper limb disorder