All employers are expected to comply with the law and ensure their employees have the right to work in the UK by carrying out the correct checks.

Right to Work involves three simple steps:

1. **Obtain**
   the employee’s original identity documents listed in the Home Office guidance via gov.uk.

2. **Check**
   the documents are valid with the employee present.

3. **Copy**
   and keep the documents securely. Record the date of the check.

An employer of an illegal worker who has not carried out the correct checks faces a penalty of up to £20,000.

It is a criminal offence to employ someone who the employer knows or has reasonable cause to believe is an illegal worker – employers can face an unlimited fine, and up to five years in prison.

For more advice on checking requirements employers can visit our online checking tool at: [gov.uk/check-job-applicant-right-to-work](http://gov.uk/check-job-applicant-right-to-work)

To report illegal working confidentially you can visit [www.gov.uk/report-immigration-crime](http://www.gov.uk/report-immigration-crime) or call the Immigration Enforcement Hotline on 0300 123 7000