

The Construction Programme

Aim

To ensure that the risks to those working in the construction industry, or who maybe affected by it, are properly controlled.

Our overall objectives are:

- To reduce the rate of fatal and major injuries suffered by workers in the construction industry
- To contribute to the reduction in work-related illness and working days lost
- To secure ownership by the industry of the health and safety challenges it faces
- To encourage clear leadership within the industry to bring about improvements
- To promote partnership working between those who create, manage and are exposed to risks to address the challenges
- To achieve a cultural change in the industry, with intolerance to risk and competence throughout all levels of an organisation
- To secure commitment by the industry to provide decent working conditions and effective engagement with all
- To maintain a modern, fit for purpose regulatory framework
- To communicate effectively the key health and safety messages to industry.

This is done by:

- A targeted yet flexible programme of work to maximise impact on high risk areas
- An intervention strategy that targets all those in the construction procurement and supply chain
- Engagement and partnership with key intermediaries, stakeholders and other enforcing authorities
- Use of statistical information and intelligence to prioritise hazards and sub-sectors for engagement
- Encouragement to those who are striving for excellence and taking a robust enforcement line with those who are not
- Reinforcement our programme and health and safety messages through reactive work.

Examples of recent achievements of Construction Programme

- 1) Worker Engagement Tool published on the website
- 2) CDM Regulations developed, launched and publicised, industry guidance developed, changes to competence schemes
- 3) Supply chain work on occupational health issues e.g. changing the standards for kerb handling
- 4) Inspection initiatives including Fit Out, Health Handling, Good Order, Refurbishment
- 5) Work At Height Materials developed- DVD, Toolbox Talks, case studies
- 6) Point of Sale initiatives e.g. Dulux Decorator Centre work at height
- 7) Government as Client work taken forward through Buying for Life Events
- 8) Early intervention work on major projects, promoting integrated teams and respect for people agenda
- 9) A range of SME activities, including Working Well Together Events, Designer and Client Awareness Days, e-bulletins targeted at segments within construction
- 10) Contributing to HSE Campaigns on BACKS, Falls from Vehicles
- 11) Piloting non-injury prosecutions, to target high risk activities and poor performers
- 12) Work with stakeholders to deliver guidance on key issues e.g. tower crane guidance, revision to Temporary Traffic Management Standards
- 13) Behavioural Change and Worker Engagement Forum established to share good practice, especially to smaller companies
- 14) National lead Inspection Plans developed for significant clients, contractors and designers
- 15) Launch of CROSS, (Confidential Reporting ON Structural Safety) by SCOSS (Standing Committee on Structural Stability), which provides a means for the structural engineering community to share information on the causes of incidents involving structural instability
- 16) Paper on major accident potential presented to CONIAC Safety group.