

The Construction Programme: Current work 2007/08

Specific sections of the Industry to be targeted are:

- Refurbishment
- Homebuild
- Commercial new build
- Micro and SME businesses

Specific topics to be targeted are:

- CDM2007
- Falls (including those from vehicles)
- Good order (slips and trips)
- Worker engagement
- Management of occupational health risk

Specific activities for 2007/08 include:

- Intensive inspection initiatives targeting falls and trips (good order) in the traditional refurbishment sector.
- Focus on client duties under CDM2007 within the major commercial refurbishment sector
- Inspection teams to devise and evaluate innovative approaches for SMEs / micro businesses within the domestic refurbishment sector

Cross-Cutting Strategic Projects

- Vulnerable workers

Work to include migrant workers, young people and those exploited at work

- Work with Local Authorities

Will encompass all elements of LA interaction – important construction clients, employers as well as enforcers of health and safety, building and planning regulations and trading standards legislation.

- SMEs

To develop a strategy for influencing and working with SMEs and small construction sites. Work will require involvement with stakeholders.

- Major Accident Potential

Work to look at the potential for multi-fatality incidents, including building and scaffold collapses, tunnelling etc.

- High Impact Interventions

Reviewing how and what interventions are carried out to influence, promote integrated teams and ensure health and safety is properly considered. Work will include public sector procurement.