

# Construction Division Refurbishment / Roofwork Inspection Initiative March 2010

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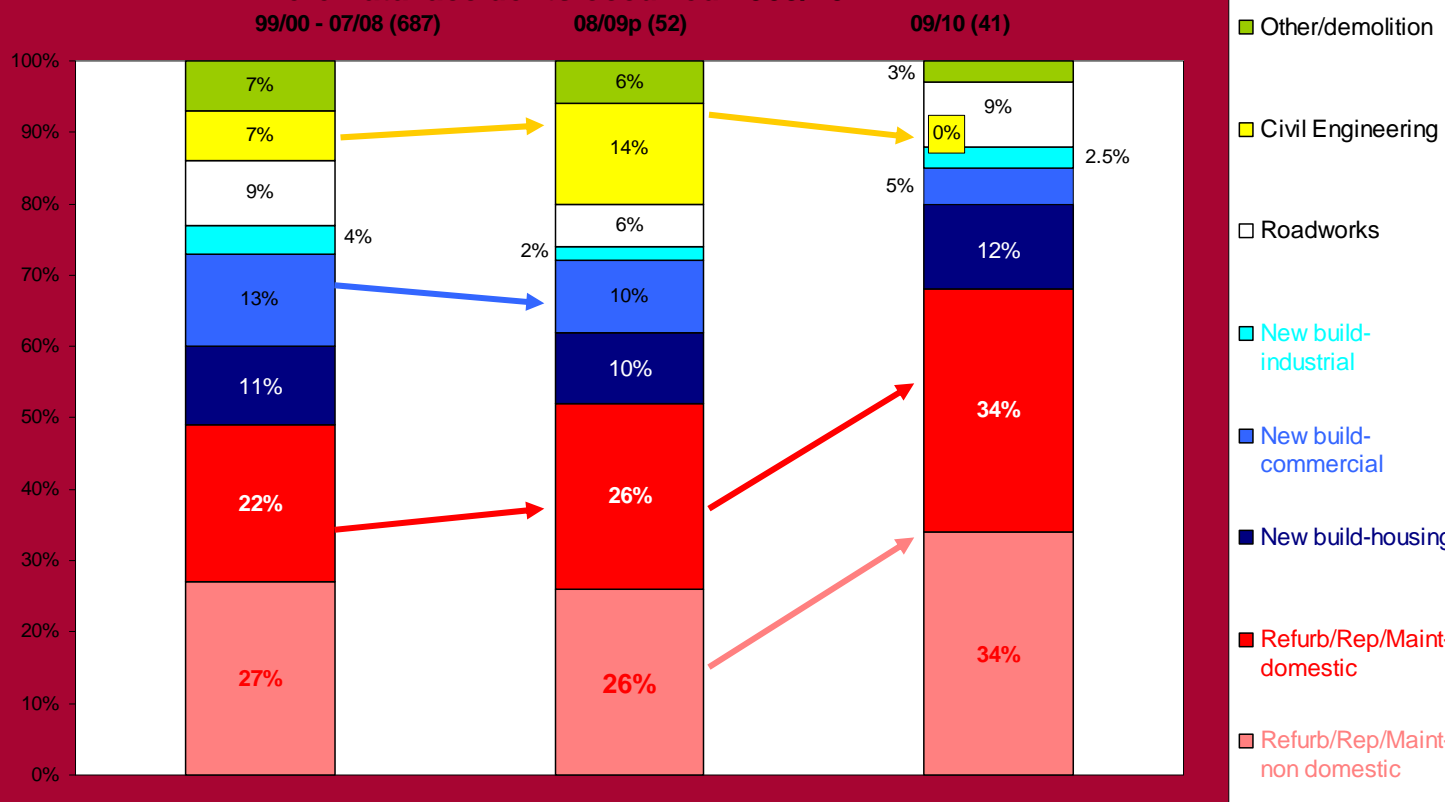
# Aims

- To achieve an improvement in industry standards.
- To implement HSE's small construction sites strategy in respect of roofwork activities.
- To increase awareness of HSE's expectations of this sector of the industry.
- To demonstrate that HSE is prepared to use the enforcement tools at its disposal.
- To gain information on good practice.

# Why target refurbishment?

## Fatal Accidents 2009/10 (12 months)

Where Fatal accidents occurred 2009/10 - Fatal database



## Refurbishment: definition

- Work on existing properties
- More than maintenance (e.g. painting and decorating) or repair (e.g. replacement of broken window or light fitting)
- Refurbishment covers many project types:
  - Traditional e.g. old textile mill conversion into apartments
  - Retail e.g. upgrade/ re-branding of all stores
  - Domestic, e.g. conversion of large old house to apartments

# Key parameters

- March 1-28 (4 weeks)
- Each inspection group was asked to visit at least 50 refurbishment sites during the period
- All types of refurbishment – commercial, domestic and industrial in scope
- Key topics: falls from height (especially roofwork) and good order
- Matters of evident concern also addressed

# Communications activity

- Overlap with Shattered Lives 3
- National press releases issued at start at end of initiative
- Local press releases issued to announce specific activities
- Some local initiatives timed as follow up work after SHADs targeting key groups, e.g. roofers

# 2010 Refurbishment Inspection Initiative Results (1)



Sites	Contractors	Sites where notices served	Notices served	Prosecutions under consideration
2014	2414	470	691	21

# 2010 Refurbishment Inspection Initiative Results (2)



Notices				
Work at Height		Good Order		Other
PN	IN	PN	IN	All
348	22	11	18	292

# HSE Falls And Trips Inspection In Refurbishment Initiatives 2007/08



	Sites	Contractors	Notices		
			Falls	Good Order	Other
Summer 07	1295	1586	246	37	143
February 08	1108	1419	317	30	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>2403</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>281</b>

# HSE Falls And Trips Inspection In Refurbishment Initiative 2009



	Sites	Contractors	Notices		
			Falls	Good Order	Other
	1759	2145	282	33	186

## Put another way.....

- 2007/8 – 1:3 sites and 1:4 contractors working so far below minimum standards that notices had to be served
- 2009 – 1:5 sites and 1:5 contractors required notices
- 2010 – 1:4 sites and 1:4 contractors required notices

## Key points

- These are not exercises in market research – we are deliberately targeting poorly performing sectors and businesses
- The high levels of enforcement confirm that there is a strong correlation between the high accident incidence rates in refurbishment and poor management of risk
- The refurbishment sector is not improving substantially year on year and will remain a key priority sector for HSE interventions