

Construction Division Refurbishment / Roofwork Inspection Initiative March 2010

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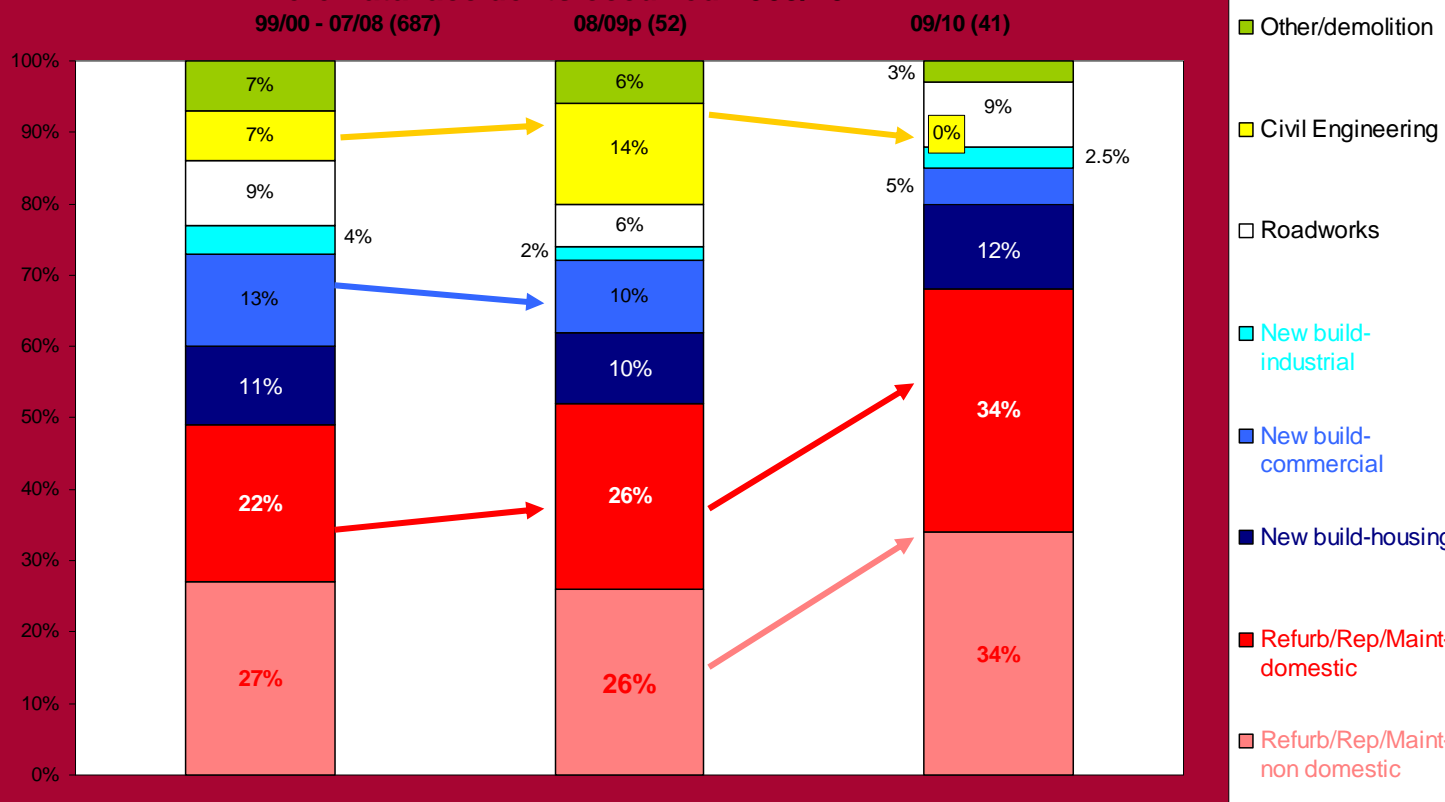
Aims

- 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
Total	2403	3005	563	67	281

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