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Construction Group Report

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The Health & Safety Executive issues out a statement for demolition and construction firms

The HSE is asking that all demolition and construction businesses properly plan, organise, manage, and monitor their work and use competent people to avoid incidents and ill-health amongst their employees and the public. The statement is issued following a year of prosecutions involving severe injuries and fatalities as a result of poor demolition or refurbishment work. These jobs require careful planning and execution by contractors who are fully competent and have access to designers and engineers with the correct knowledge, skills, and experience. Virtually everyone involved in a construction project have legal duties under The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM). Depending on whether you are a client, contractor, designer, or a worker, you will have duties under the CDM regulations and breaching these duties can result in incidents and injuries that can be catastrophic in nature. If your construction business requires guidance in order to meet the CDM regulations, we have experienced Health & Safety Advisors and Practitioners to guide you. For example, we can help your business to produce Pre-Construction Information packages, Construction Phase Plans and Risk Assessment Method Statements (RAMS).

HSE publishes annual statistics for 2020/2021

Every year the Health & Safety Executive publishes statistics for work-related ill-health, injury and enforcement obtained through self-reporting via Labour Force Survey and RIDDOR reporting. Some key facts obtained from the report this year are:

- ✓ 1.7 million workers experiencing work-related ill-health
- ✓ 822,000 workers experiencing work-related stress, depression or anxiety
- ✓ The highest than average rate of stress, depression and anxiety is in the public admin/defence industry
- ✓ 470,000 workers experiencing work-related musculoskeletal disorders
- ✓ The highest than average rate of musculoskeletal disorders is in the construction industry
- ✓ 17,000 new cases of breathing or lung problems caused or made worse by work
- ✓ 93,000 workers suffering with COVID-19 which they believe may have been from exposure at work

- ✓ 142 workers killed at work
- ✓ 51,211 employee non-fatal injuries reported by employers under RIDDOR
- ✓ 185 cases prosecuted where conviction was achieved.

HSE continue to carry out spot-checks on COVID 19 Management either in person or via phone interview.

COVID Management

Rules are changing on a fortnight to three weekly period. The next announcement is expected at the beginning of February. It is expected that updates will be primarily related to:

- Working from home, expected to be hybrid with a view of Employers engaging with employees
- Social distancing which may still be risk assessed.
- Face coverings expected in enclosed spaces.
- Self-Isolation.