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HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE (HSE) E-BULLETIN

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The HSE will be undertaking unannounced visits to construction sites where ***refurbishment or repairs projects*** are underway. This information may be of interest to you and/or your organisation.

Where serious breaches of legislation are found immediate enforcement action will be taken. Inspectors will also be taking steps to secure a positive change in behaviour to ensure on-going compliance with The Construction (Design & Management Regulations 2015) – CDM.

TARGETED HSE INSPECTIONS

3 October to 4 November 2016

HSE construction inspectors will be carrying out unannounced visits to sites where refurbishment projects or repair works are underway.

The inspectors will ensure high-risk activities, particularly those affecting the health of workers, are being properly managed.

These include:

- risks to health from exposure to dust such as silica are being controlled.

Contractor / Principal Contractor's responsibility

- workers are aware of where they may find asbestos;

Client & Designers responsibility

and what to do if they find it.

Contractor / Principal Contractor's responsibility

- other health risks, such as exposure to noise and vibration, manual handling and hazardous substances are being properly managed.

Contractor / Principal Contractor's responsibility

- jobs that involve working at height have been identified and properly planned to ensure that appropriate precautions, such as proper support of structures, are in place.

Client, Designers, Contractor & Principal Contractor

- equipment is correctly installed / assembled, inspected and maintained and used properly.

Contractor / Principal Contractor's responsibility

- sites are well organised, to avoid trips and falls, walkways and stairs are free from obstructions and welfare facilities are adequate.

Contractor / Principal Contractor's responsibility

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Importantly, breaches of the CDM Regulations by Clients and/or Designers and/or Contractors will be investigated by the HSE construction inspectors.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Clients & Designers

- ✓ Appoint us as **Principal Designer**.
- ✓ We can provide guidance and documentation to facilitate the undertaking of effective **Design Risk Management**.
- ✓ We can collate and manage necessary **Pre-Construction Information** (PCI).
- ✓ We will provide the statutory **Health & Safety File** incorporating any changes in design during the project.

Contractors

- ✓ We can write or review **Construction Phase Plans** (CPP's).
- ✓ We will assess projects and concisely highlight the **significant hazards and risks**.
- ✓ We can **assist in your communications** with the professional team and client.

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