Health and Safety Executive



HSE update following Inspection initiative Sept/Oct 2017

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Headline Statistics (unconfirmed)

•	Sites inspected	94
•	Contractors inspected	122
•	Inspections conducted	111
•	Sites where Notification of Contravention served	51
•	Sites where Notices served	18
•	PN served health	1
•	PN served safety	12
•	IN served health	3
•	IN served safety	8
•	NOC health	29
•	NOC safety	29



- 1.3 million working people suffering from a work-related illness (deafness, HAVS, muscle & joint problems)
- 2,542 mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2015)
- 137 workers killed at work (2016/17)
- 72,702 other injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- 621,000 injuries occurred at work according to the Labour Force Survey – see above!
- **30.4 million working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury**
- £14.1 billion estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2014/15)



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What does "Good" look like

Work at Height Regulations 2005



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Not so good 🛞



This gets me very exorcised..





COSHH



4,000 non-asbestos related deaths from occupational respiratory diseases

141,000 current and former workers with work related lung and breathing problems

11,000 new cases each year made worse by work

Control of Vibration at Work





Reg 6

(1) The employer shall ensure that risk from the exposure of his employees to vibration is either eliminated at source or, where this is not reasonably practicable, reduced to as low a level as is reasonably practicable.

- Construction has x4.5 all industry average prevalence of hand arm vibration syndrome (HAVS)
- Irreversible!
 - A disabling condition
 - Affects hands so can't do simple tasks
 - Affects ability to do the job
 - Cold is trigger for symptoms



Result of missing fixings...



From above, 2 men on this platform when it fell





When the lift/frame heights don't sync.....



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Scaffolder just follows orders...



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Carelessness costs lives....



The good.....







The not so good 🛞



No riving knife or guard





In the dark about safety....





Not the best scaffold......





Though not the worst.....







Quarantine procedure for boards..





Ending on progress....





Reg 13 Principal Contractor:

plan, manage and monitor the construction phase and coordinate matters relating to health and safety during the construction phase



Reg 15 Contractors

A contractor must plan, manage and monitor construction work carried out either by the contractor or by workers under the contractor's control,



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Any Easy Questions?



