



Why is HSE interested in the Control Of Contractors?

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Case Law



- Associated Octel Ltd 1990 (Fire)
- Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd 1982 (Fire)
- Mara 1987 (Cleaning Company)
- Just a few you might remember

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So why do we need to control them?



To make sure they are in the right place at the right time!



Why does HSE want you to do this?



- To reduce accidents and injuries and incidences of work related ill Health
- Growth of the Service sector
- Reduction in directly employed staff
- To ensure that the use of contractors does not increase the risk of accidents
- Contractors have families too!!!!

Why does HSE want you to do this?



- It will help with HSE programmes on:-
 - Falls from Heights
 - Work place Transport
 - Slips and Trips
 - Noise and Vibration
 - Health

What does HSE want you to do?



- Review your present systems for Contractor control
- Does it follow the normal procurement procedures?
- If not why not?
- How are the contractors controlled once they are on site?
- Who is responsible for them?
- Is it clear in the procedures?

What does HSE want you to do?



- Does the procedure ensure a deputy for the contact person is available?
- Check what monitoring procedures have you got for:-
 - Checking they work safely
 - Quality of the work
 - Reviewing the H & S Records

How can you do this?



- Listen to Phil's presentation!
- Make sure:-
 - when a contractor arrives to carry out work, somebody on site is designated as responsible for monitoring the activities of the contractor while they are on site and be the main contact

Ensure you have checked:-



- The Contractors method of work statement
- They have all the required PPE
- The risk to others has been eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level.
- Permits are issued and adhered to
- Frequent visitors have regular site inductions

Example of where this is often not done



- Thorough Examinations by competent persons
- Entry into Boilers, tanks or vessels
- Risk due to confined spaces
- No rescue plan or procedure
- Neither party supply adequate risk assessment
- Age profile of competent persons

Remember we need to prevent


