

# SECTION 3: BRINGING CONTRACTORS AND OPERATIVES ON TO SITE



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# 3.1 BRINGING OPERATIVES ON TO SITE

This section sets out the key principles for bringing contractors and operatives onto site. Before contractors and operatives are permitted to start work on site the following must be in place:

- Contractor organisation vetted (commercial / production team);
- Contractor risk assessment and, where applicable, safety method statement received and reviewed.
- Operatives have received a TW site HSE induction; and
- Operatives briefed on their Safe System of Work, including Risk Assessment.

# 3.1.1 SITE HSE INDUCTION



No one can be permitted onto the build area of a TW site unless:

- They have received a Site HSE Induction from the Site Manager or Assistant Site Manager; or
- In the case of a short period visitor, are under the close supervision of the Site Management Team.

Note: Operatives are encouraged to hold an appropriate CSCS card.

The inductee is taken through the HSE Induction Presentation or Flip Chart, clearly demonstrating, and reinforcing the TW approach to HSE on site and standards.



The induction card displays the induction number which is unique to the individual.



The induction is recorded by the Site Manager on the Site HSE Induction Record (available on Inhouse)



When each induction is completed, the QR code is to be scanned and the relevant details completed to ensure all inductions are suitably recorded.

Larger sites may set up Induction Suites using different media e.g. wide screen TV, etc. Contact your Regional HSE Advisor to review.





**Note:** When 'inducted' operatives transfer to another site, the receiving Site Management Team must provide them with a site specific HSE Briefing covering relevant HSE information relating to that site, e.g. traffic management/pedestrian segregation, welfare, plant use, etc.

Where a site has unique situations e.g. Contaminated Ground, then a discussion must be hold with your RHSEA for them to assist in the development of a site-specific induction slide covering the control measures in place e.g. precautions when working on Brownfield site.



# 3.1.2 NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING OPERATIVES

Where employers are using operatives on site not familiar with written English text (or non-English speaking), arrangements must be made for the employer to provide their operatives with a translation of their risk assessment and other safety critical information for their work activity.

On TW sites, the process is:

- Contractor informs the Site Manager of intention to employ non-English speaking operatives.
- Contractor ensures that their Supervisor attends the Induction Session and can translate the critical HSE information in the induction in the operative's native language; and

Contractor's Supervisor confirms to the Site Manager that the operatives understand the critical HSE control measures e.g. the use of PPE on site.

# 3.2 EMPLOYING A YOUNG PERSON ON SITE

Where a directly employed Young Person is employed on site arrangements must be made to manage their health and safety

The three key stages to managing the health and safety of Young Persons (see chart below)

- 1. Office Welcome and Introduction
- 2. Site Induction and Briefing
- 3. Site Ongoing Support





# **3.2.1 OFFICE WELCOME AND INDUCTION**

On their first day of employment all Young Person's attend the relevant Business Unit Office to receive:

- A General HSE Induction for Young Persons
- Provided with their Young Person's Risk Assessment (T18)
- Taylor Wimpey HSE Passport
- Details of their mandatory HSE training
- Issued with the appropriate PPE i.e. Green 'Training' hard hat, safety boots, high visibility vest/jacket and, where necessary, eye protection, ear protection, gloves and FFP3 face mask (face-fit tested)
- and tools (where appropriate)

# 3.2.2 SITE - INDUCTION & BRIEFING

For site based Young Person's following their 'welcome and introduction' in the Office, they are allocated a site, where additional site-based introductions, site HSE induction and briefings are carried out.

Activity	Details
Introductions	On their first site the Young Person is introduced to the Site Manager, Site Team and their 'Buddy'. TW Site Manager is the appointed 'mentor' for any TW Young Persons on their site Introduced to their 'buddy' a nominated (Tradesman) responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the Young Person as well as first point of contact on health and safety maters
Site Tour	Prior to receiving their Site HSE Induction, the Young Person must be given a tour of the site by the Site Manager. This is intended to make the Young Person familiar with the facilities on site, the arrangements for traffic management and pedestrian segregation and highlight specific risk and hazards on site, etc.
Site HSE Induction	All Young Persons are given a full TW Site HSE Induction, including fire/emergency arrangements and an Induction Card is issued.



	Note. For all subsequent sites a 'Site Specific' briefing is provided.
	Image: Site Safe Control of Control
Trade Risk Assessments	Once the Site HSE Induction is carried out the Young Person is provided with a briefing on the appropriate Trade Risk Assessment, e.g. TD02 – Directly Employed Scaffolder TD03 – Directly Employed Bricklaver
	<ul> <li>TD03 - Directly Employed Bricklayer</li> <li>TD04 - Directly Employed Carpenter/Joiner</li> <li>TD17 - Directly Employed General Operative</li> </ul>
'Site Safe Briefings' (SSB)	A detailed briefing on TWUK's approach to providing and maintaining Traffic Management and Pedestrian Segregation on all our sites is carried out with the YP and further briefings as necessary via the 'Site Safe Briefing' pack.

# 3.2.3 SITE - ONGOING SUPPORT

The Mentor (Site Manager) and Nominated Buddy (Trade Supervisor/Tradesperson) are required to meet monthly with the YP to review their Trade Risk Assessments, training, development and determine if ready to progress to new tasks, including the use of new plant, equipment and tools.

A quarterly review is held between the YP, Mentor (Site Manager), Nominated Buddy (Trade Supervisor/Tradesperson) and Site HSE Advisor.

NB: All on-going training, development, instruction and monthly/quarterly reviews is recorded in the Taylor Wimpey HSE Passport.





Initial HSE Training including:

- Manual Handling
- Work at Height
- Face Fit Testing (where appropriate)

Ongoing HSE Training:

Trade base training as YP gains experience

Monthly Review Meetings

- Review of task and respective Trade/YP Risk Assessments
- HSE briefings and instruction
- Training needs review (on site/college)
- Update Taylor Wimpey HSE Passport

Quarterly Review Arrangements/Controls

- Site Manager (mentor) Review
- Site HSE Advisor Review

# 3.2.4 TRAINING

As part of the Young Persons Trade Risk Assessment, the core (mandatory) HSE training must be carried out (detailed in the TWUK HSE Training Matrix).

Further training is provided based on the task and activities the YP is expected to carry out are detailed and recorded in the Taylor Wimpey HSE Passport

Directly Employed Apprentices	Approved Provider	
Apprentice Manager	<ul><li> 3-Day HSE Procedures</li><li> TW Site HSE Induction</li></ul>	Regional HSE Advisor TW Site Manager
Apprentice/Young Person *Held in BU Office at start of employment	<ul> <li>Apprentice/Young Persons Induction*</li> <li>TW HSE Induction</li> </ul>	PD/RHSEA TW Site Manager
**Core Training supplemented by Trade Specific Training (see Directly Employed trades)	<ul> <li>Manual Handling</li> <li>Face Fit Testing (where appropriate)</li> <li>½ Day Fall Protection/Prevention (including stairwell protection, Oxford Safety Systems, STA Ladder, Free Standing Ladders, Proprietary Decking Systems, etc.)</li> <li>**Trade Specific HSE Training</li> </ul>	RGW/DMSS RGW/DMSS RGW/DMSS RGW/DMSS/Supplier

# **3.2.5 CONTRACTORS YOUNG PERSONS**

If a Contractor's Young Person's is on site, then the T18 Risk Assessment must be used to check and confirm that the Contractors has suitable arrangements in place to manage the health and safety of their Young Person.

A green 'Training' hardhat must also be worn by the Apprentice when working on a TW Site, with these hardhats obtained from the TW Site Management Team

(See STAC and HSE Site Control Forms Folder - Section 2: TW STAC 'T' Series - Trade Risk Assessments and Key Control Measures - T18 Young Person)



# 3.3 CSCS CARDS

In addition to a TW Site HSE Induction Card, anyone working on a TW site is encouraged to obtain an appropriate CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) Card.

Site Management Teams will hold a manager or Professionally Qualified person card (Dependant on NVQ qualification).

Operatives, including directly employed, will hold a card related to their trade or activity on site.

Site based sales staff & customer service staff who visit sites are no longer required to obtain a Construction Site Visitors card which has been withdrawn from the scheme.

The Construction Related Occupation card has also been withdrawn from the scheme and office-based staff with construction related qualifications should use the CSCS Card Finder to find the correct card relating to their skill set.

**Note:** A member of the TW HR team or BU HSE Administrator can be contacted to explain and assist with the process of obtaining an appropriate CSCS card.





#### 3.4 SIGNING-IN



All operatives need to 'sign-in' each day as they arrive on site, using the Site Attendance Log (Construction HSE Plan – Folder 2, F2.02).

The signing-in area provides operatives with the key HSE information specific to the site e.g.:

- Key site restrictions;
- The Traffic Management Plan;
- The Site Management / Support Team;
- Any key HSE messages for that day (Site Message Board); and
- Confirmed they have received and understood their employer's Risk Assessments



The Signing-in Point must be easily identified within the Site Compound





Magnetic Traffic Management boards can also be used - Provided by C-Graphics

#### **3.5 RISK ASSESSMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

# 3.5.1 OVERVIEW





# 3.5.2 TW STAC SERIES RISK ASSESSMENTS

The TW Risk Assessment and Key Control Measures provide Site Managers with four sets of risk assessments (STAC series) for their sites and contractor activity. A copy of each must be included in the STAC and HSE Control Forms Folder. The four sets are:

- S Site-Wide
- T Trade/Direct
- A Additional Series, supplementing the T-series; and
- C COSHH, supplementing the T-series

The STAC series risk assessment is a combined document containing each of the four sets.

This document is not suitable for adoption by small Contractors or self-employed operatives but can be used as an 'aide-memoir' to assist them in producing their own site-specific risk assessment. The contractor/self-employed operative is responsible for the regular review and revision of the assessment including bringing any changes to the attention to their employees



#### Direct Trade Risk Assessments (and relevant additional and COSHH supplements) are provided for use by direct employees/operatives

Direct Employees must be briefed on the relevant task risk assessment by the site management team to ensure they understand the controls associated with their work activities. The briefing is recorded by the site management team on the risk assessment.

For Apprentices and Young Person, the site management team must brief the individual using the 'Apprentice / Young Person Risk Assessment' (T18) and supporting 'Trade Risk Assessment'

The Young Person Risk Assessment' (T18) and where applicable the 'Trade Risk Assessment' must be reviewed regularly (monthly as a minimum) and be updated to reflect new tasks, training undertaken and successfully completed, etc.

# 3.5.3 SAFETY METHOD STATEMENTS

Where applicable, a Safety Method Statement is required to clarify exactly how a work operation is to be carried out in a safe manner. It is normally only required for high risk and / or complex activities which include several key control measures that need to be highlighted and explained in detail. Safety Method Statements must be:

- Be site/operation specific and, where appropriate, incorporate TW procedures.
- Include relevant diagrams or plans where necessary to clearly communicate the information; and
- Be sufficiently detailed for the complexity of the operation.

If the operation is complicated or new to you, or you are not satisfied that the contractor's Safety Method Statement reflects the nature and risks of the intended work, contact your Regional/Site HSE Advisor for assistance.

Note: Contractors must also provide information as to how they intend to address other issues such as:

- Any risks arising from working adjacent to, near or over water; and
- Any specific environmental issues related to the site e.g. invasive weeds, refuelling on site, etc.

# 3.5.4 T SERIES: Trade

Within the overall STAC Risk Assessment the 'T-Series' element comprises a summary of the standard Site HSE Manual controls along with references to the Site HSE Manual of where more detailed information on the expected controls can be found.

There is also the opportunity to include any additional site-specific risks and their additional controls

N°	Activity	Task	What are the Risks	Measures to Manage the Risk	Site HSE Manual	Owner
			Site Specific Risks	Site Specific Additional Controls		
17	Groundwork Groundwork	Exposing or excavating near underground services	Fire     Explosion Site Specific Risks	Standard Site HSE Manual Controls, e.g.         Hold a service review meeting         Identify excavation on Ground Penetration Log and complete a full ATP         Site Services Pack available on site         Site Specific Additional Controls	Section 4.3.3 Section 4.3.4 Section 4.3.5 Section 4.3.6 Section 4.3.7	SM GWS
18	Groundwork Groundwork	Working near Overhead services	Fire     Explosion Site Specific Risks	Standard Site HSE Manual Controls, e.g. • Establish exclusion zones • Where necessary establish plant/vehicle crossing points • Obtain a GS6 survey or equivalent Site Specific Additional Controls	Section 4.3.8	SM GWS
19	Groundwork	Confined spaces	Asphyxiation	Standard Site HSE Manual Controls, e.g.	Section 4.3.9	SM



# 3.5.5 A SERIES - ADDITIONAL

Nº	Activity	Task	What are the Risks	Measures to Manage the Risk	Site HSE Manual	Owner
			Site Specific Risks	Site Specific Additional Controls		
35	Additional	Using hand and power tools • All saws • Disc cutters • Cartridge tools, etc.	Cuts Noise Vibration Dust Site Specific Risks	Standard Site HSE Manual Controls, e.g.         Users briefed/instructed on their safe use         Only use in accordance with the Manufacturers/ Suppliers recommendations         Dust suppression or extraction fitted         Site Specific Additional Controls	Section 3.6 Section 8.4	SM
36	Additional	Needlestick injuries	Skin puncture Diseases Site Specific Risks	Standard Site HSE Manual Controls, e.g. • Operatives briefed as part of site induction • On discovery, don't touch and immediate report to Site Manager • Collected and removed by specialist contractor Site Specific Additional Controls	Section 3.6	SM

# 3.5.6 C SERIES - COSHH

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	Product	Normal Use	Key Risks	Control Measures	Emergency Procedures	Storage/Disposal
1	Brickleen	Proprietary acid product for cleaning brick externally.	<ul> <li>Corrosive irritant do not allow to come in contact with skin or enter eyes / mouth.</li> <li>Hazardous if inhaled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow manufacturer's instructions shown on packaging.</li> <li>Wear goggles and waterproof gloves/ clothing.</li> <li>Avoid splashing people.</li> <li>Keep hazard data sheet on site.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Give plenty of water in sips.</li> <li>Eye: Irrigate with water for at least 15 minutes.</li> <li>Skin: Wash with soap/cleanser and rinse with plenty of water.</li> <li>If spilt, dilute with water.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dispose of full or partly full containers, or spills as hazardous waste.</li> <li>Liquid products to be bunded and disposed of by a licensed waste transporter.</li> <li>Dispose of empty containers as non- hazardous.</li> </ul>
2	Spray line paint	Spraying direct from tin to mark out areas.	<ul> <li>Extremely flammable High concentrations of vapours are narcotic and may cause headache, fatigue, dizziness, and nausea.</li> <li>Irritant to eyes. Repeated exposure to skin may result in dryness and cracking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow manufacturer's instructions shown on packaging.</li> <li>Keep hazard data sheet on site.</li> <li>Not to be used near sumps, drains, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inhalation: remove to fresh air and seek prompt medical attention</li> <li>Ingestion: immediately rinse mouth and provide fresh air. Do not induce vomiting.</li> <li>Skin contact: wash skin with soap and water.</li> <li>Eye contact, rinse with water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention if irritation persists.</li> <li>Fire: water, dry powder or CO2 extinguishers may be used.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Store in moderate temperatures in a dry, well ventilated area.</li> <li>Dispose of full or partly full containers, or spills as hazardous waste.</li> <li>Liquid products to be bunded and disposed of by a licensed waste transporter</li> <li>Dispose of empty containers as non- hazardous.</li> </ul>



#### 3.5.7 CONTRACTOR RISK ASSESSMENTS

The site-specific Risk Assessments and, where applicable, Safety Method Statements must have been received from the contractor prior to their starting on site and recorded in the Contractor Health and Safety Documentation Matrix (Construction HSE Plan – Folder 3, F3.4).

«Fldmrgcompanyname CONTRACTOR HEALT SITE NAME: «Fldmrgs The following checklist confirm Each contractor must provide a Site operatives should be famil the trade/ contractor superviso Any difficulty in obtaining the n	E» HAN itenar is that co is site-sp iarised v r prior to eccessar	D SAI ne» ontracto ecific ri with the o them s y docu	FETY DOCUMENTA ors have identified the reso sk assessment for each sit ir documentation by their s starting on site. mentation must be brought	TION urces n e and if upervis to the a	MATI ecessar necess or. The attention	<b>RIX</b> y for m ary, a s Produce n of the	anaging health and safety on Th afety method statement, etc. ttion/Site manager will complete H SE Co-ordinator/ Commercial	V developments. e the last part of this form with Director.
Contractor / Trade Contact Telephone N° Key Contact Person for H&S	H&S Accreditation body	Competency demonstrated	Signed Off: Commercial Manager Date	Site Specific Risk and COSHH Assessments	Site Specific Method Statement [if applicable]	Critical Training Records	Signed Off: Production/Site Manager Date	COMMENTS
U tilities								

The Site Manager must:

- Review the Risk Assessments/Safety Method Statements to ensure that they reflect the work activity on site involved; and
- Ensure that the operatives have been briefed in them by their employer.

Where the Risk Assessments and, where applicable, Safety Method Statements have not been provided, the work cannot commence on site.



# 3.5.8 'Take 5' BRIEFINGS

For activities that are high risk tasks, we need to ensure that the applicable control measures are reinforced. The Site Manager (or Supervisor) can use the appropriate HSE Site Control Form – 'Take 5' Briefing from the STAC / HSE Control Forms Folder (see F2.01).

The HSE Site Control- 'Take Five' Briefing can be used in the following way:

OMPANY NAME: ISE SITE CONTROL F	ORM		
SITENAME:			take
RADE / ACTIVITY:			
)iscuss general tasks car	ried out:		DRIEFING
iscuss potential high ris	k areas:		
iscuss controls on site:			
Discuss controls on site:			
Discuss controls on site:			
Discuss controls on site:			
liscuss controls on site:			
iscuss controls on site:			
Name (Pease off)	Date	Name (Rose prit)	Date
Name (Please print)	Date	Name (Rease print)	Date
Name (Please print)	Date	Name (Plaza print)	Date
Name (Pluade print)	Date	Name (Proces print)	Date
Name (Pluase print)	Date	Name (Prasso print)	Date
Name (Please prot	Date	Name Press prot	Date
Name (Pluste print)	Date	Name (Place prit)	Date
Name (Please print)	Date	Name (Plasice print)	Date
Name (Please print)	Date	Name (Proce print)	Date
Name (Plase proj	Date	Name (Posso pirit)	Date
Name (Please print)	Date	Name (Proce prot)	Date
Nacuus controls on site: Name (Peace prot	Date	Name (Press pirt)	Date

Discuss with the operatives (and supervisors) their task/s. Highlight the potential high risks associated with the task e.g. fall from height.

Highlight and review the controls to be used e.g. mobile scaffold tower, oxford landing system, air bags / mats, etc.

Discuss the responsibility for having the controls in place, including installation of any equipment. Check that the operatives have had the necessary training / instruction to install and use the equipment or system. If not, contact their employer to have the necessary training carried out.

Reinforce that the measures are for their safety; and Get an agreement that all parties understand what is needed.

In addition to a general form, the following specific high-risk tasks are covered individually:

- Groundworker;
- Scaffolder;
- Bricklayer;
- Carpenter/Joiner;
- Roof Tiler;
- Plasterer / Dry Liner / External Renderer;
- Concrete Flooring Installer.

Once the work has begun, monitor that the safe system of work is being adhered to, if not - stop the works and review.

See Site Safe Briefing: General Operatives.



#### 3.5.9 DIRECT TRADE RISK ASSESSMENT

Trade Risk Assessments are carried out for all directly employed Trades and General Site Operatives, and a briefing on the contents given and recorded before they commence work on site.

The **Risk Assessment and Key Control Measures TD02, TD03 etc.** are used to brief the TW directly employee trade operatives.

The purpose and objective is to ensure that any Direct Trade / Operative is fully briefed on:

TD17 - TW Risk Assessment – Directly Employed: General Sile Operative Taylor Wimpey	The potential risks associated with their tasks/ activities;
Notices     Image:	The control measures in place for each of the tasks/ activity they are carrying out; If any training/instruction/familiarisation is required e.g. plant and equipment expected to be used; Any specialist PPE required e.g. face-fit testing, etc. Record any other task which falls out of their main task / trade activity. E.g. Cleaning out/around their plot.

The mandatory training for Directly Employed Apprentices/Young Persons is referenced below:

#### 3.5.10 APPRENTICE / YOUNG PERSON RISK ASSESSMENT

Young Person Risk Assessment (T18) and associated Trade Assessment must have been carried out for the Young Person and discussed with them and their Nominated Supervisor (Buddy) before they commence work on site.

The **Apprentice/Young Person Risk Assessment and Key Control Measure** TD Series Directly employed: Apprentice/Young Person is for use by TW.

The Apprentice / Young Person Initial Risk Assessment is in two stages:

Young Person Risk Assessment and Key Controls sets out the induction process, PPE and training programme at start of employment as well as the arrangements for supervision and mentoring.

Following the initial Induction and Risk Assessment:

The appropriate Trade e.g. Bricklayer, etc. or General Site Operative Risk Assessment should be reviewed with the Apprentice/Young Person. Any tasks being carried out must be highlighted in the Risk Assessment.



Both the 'Apprentice / Young Person Risk Assessment' (T18) and where applicable the 'Trade Risk Assessment' must be reviewed regularly (monthly as a minimum) and be updated to reflect new tasks, training undertaken and successfully completed, etc.

The assessments detail:



- The potential risks associated with their tasks / activities;
- The control measures in place for each of the tasks / activity they are carrying out;
- Identifying if any training / instruction / familiarisation is required e.g. plant and equipment expected to be used;
- Any specialist PPE required e.g. face-fit testing, etc.
- Record any other task which falls out of their main task / trade activity. E.g.
   Cleaning out/ around their plot

The necessary training / instruction / familiarisation required must be reviewed regularly with the Apprentice/Young Person and nominated buddy and Site Management Team (minimum monthly), and arrangements made for the required training / instruction, etc to be provided or confirmed given e.g. use of tools during college training, etc.

The mandatory training for Directly Employed Apprentices/Young Persons is detailed below:

The Site Manager / Designated Mentor and Nominated Buddy must meet regularly (minimum monthly) with the Apprentice/Young Person to review their specific Risk Assessment and determine if progressing to new tasks (reflecting increased knowledge and experience). If progressing to new tasks the relevant controls measures must be covered in detail and the Risk Assessment updated as appropriate. If task not covered by the appropriate Trade Risk Assessment, then the specific details of the task and controls must be added.

The Apprentice/Young Person tasks and implementation of the control measures is monitored by both the Site Manager and Nominated Buddy

# 3.5.11 CONTRACTOR'S APPRENTICE / YOUNG PERSON RISK ASSESSMENT

The Contractors Apprentice/Young Person Risk Assessments must have the following information included:

- Control measures in place for each of the tasks / activity they are carrying out;
- Training / instruction / familiarisation is required for any plant and equipment expected to be used; and
- PPE required e.g. green 'training' hardhat, face-fit testing, etc.

Contractors may want to adopt the T18 Young Person.

COMPANY NAME:		
SITE NAME:		
A: KEY RISKS IDENTIFIED	Riak Rating H/M	VL M
Lack of supervision. No intering or tack of information. Insufficient experimence. Exposure is heaterdoux basis.		
B: STANDARD CONTROL MEASURESTO BEADOPTED		ACTION
GENERAL All openatives to "sign in" on amb all and view the current institic manage time on a 1W site, allered a full TW Site MSE Induction. If previously o a "Site Specific' induction to required.	am ant plan. If first obtained, then only	Ste Manager/ Operatives
Follow the routes identified in the Traffic Management Plan. Where in or need to enter the plant working Zoné operatives must get the adv automisation of the operator Le. Thumbs up?.	lenacion with plant owiedgement and	Apprentice/ Young person/ Nominaled Supervisor (Buddy)
Weights of materials to be handled manually to be obtained. No one i they are comfortable with (normally 20kg) without mechanical aids or a	olif more than assistance.	Apprentice/ Young person
PPE RPE. Hard hat, a slivly bools, high visibility visit and, where neces protection, ear protection, gloves and FFP3 face mask (face fit leated)	ciary, eye ).	Site Manager/ Apprentice/ Young person
Any Operative cleaning out individual norms or 'one-off' small amount protection, an $FF^{0,2}$ face model (face fit fit ideal) and damp down the fit order approx (works a pray both) before assessing. If a vacuum is avail used. However, there may no power available and the use of general additional table - ang default(use in damp conditions.	a musi wear eye or with a fine miai lable, it should be ors could introduce	Apprentice/ Young person
When cleaning out large floor areas $i$ full pict or regular cleaning out, it was expected to a set of the se	penalives musi cuum deaner. For spray bolle) and	Apprenitoe/ Young person
AP PEN TICES/YOUNG PERSONS		
"Young person" means any person who is over sixteen but not yel eigi	tieen years old.	Contractor
A copy of this risk assessment will be completed for each and every y employed on site.	oung persion	Contractor
A competent on-elie nominaled supervisor (buddy) will be appointed. To be supervised to the level appropriate to their needs.		Apprentice/ Young person/ Nominated Supervisor
The apprentic elycung persion will only work in locations in which he has o work in, only undertake work that he has been sufforcesed to do and beni and makenital that here been sufforcesed to use / operate. Note coung persons will not operate mobile ride-on plant.	a been authorised only use loots, a in any event,	Sile Manager/ Apprentice/ Young person/ Nominaled Supported
The other stak assessments in the STAC series relevant to the work o young person will be rivikeved with them by the nominated supervisor tertiations on their activities made clear (see over).	(the apprentice/ (buddy) and the	Apprentice/ Young person/ Nominated

Note: Where used, the Assessment / T18 needs to be reviewed by the Site Management Team, Contractors Supervisor and Apprentice / Young Person.

# 3.6 NATIONAL SUPPLIERS

Where national suppliers are used, a series of health, safety and environmental checklists are available that summarise the key control measures to be applied when the supplier is on site, these consist of:

#### Supply Only:

TWUK National Supplier HSE Checklist Supply Only						
Supplier Name	Product	CO SHH associated with the use of p m duct	Factors relating to safe manual handling of product	Other health and safety information relating to the use of product		
AGA Rangemester	Kilchen Sinks and Taps.	N/A	Correct PPE gloves are required for handling Statiliess Steel Striks. Products do have "Sharp Edge" Warning.	Filling instructions and affercare instructions are supplied in the pack.		
Cartiste Design Group	Architectural hardware.	N/A	All cartons are labelled with weights, team lift required.	All liams are inert.		
Cemex Roof Tiles B \$ 1800 1	Roof likes.	H & S Datasheet supplied Dust = quartz particles + skin initiation	Roof likes will be removed from the vehicle mechanically.			
Coram Showers	Shower Iray supplier.	N/A	All Products will be labelled, over 20kg will require a learn lift.	All products are supplied with installation instructions which include H $\delta$ S instructions .		
Deta Electrical	Winng accessories/down lights/ smoke detectors/CO detectors.	N/A	No issues with handing products.	No issue in relation to the use of the products as long as installed by a qualified electrician.		

#### Supply and Deliver:

	TWUK National Supplier HSE Checklist Supply and Deliver					
Supplier Name	Product	Personal Protective Equipment	Prevention of Falls from vehicles [Loading/ Unloading]	COSHH associated with the use of product	Factors relating to safe manual handling of product	Other health and safety information relating to the use of product
Artibuly	Dormers, Over door Canoples.	Hard hat, High viz vest, Gioves, Safety boots.	Items will be removed mechanically to vever if driver has to go an rear of vehicle then he will use the vehicle steps and hand grabs. At all times when on the rear of the vehicle, he will work from behad the fitted vehicle hand rails.	Only applicable if the product has to be cut. All products have a safety data sheet available on deliver.	All large heavy products over 25kg will be removed from the vehicle bed with mechanically means. However, some small products may weigh less than 26kg. Operatives to access the weights label.	
Advante OHSAS 18001 BSI Cartificated	Wéfare Accommodation.	Hard Hat, Work boots with toe and sole protection, laced and grip soles. Gloves suitable for banking operations. High visbility jacketor vest.	Crade hamess for use with long-loader seatmounted, also fail an est equipment.	NIA	Limited manual handling, outrigger pads less than 20 log Chains pre-rigged and not required in he moved without mechanical assistance.	Wefare Unb/Dasis Operating instruction Handbook present with driver.
Brtish Gypsum Achilles, Co 140019001/2 sites 18001/BES600	Dig-ining systems	Hard Hat, high vis vestijacket, safety boots, gibves	Access to trailer or vehicle bed is prohibled during unbading/loading wirch einhanses the need to work at height. All load securing restantists are despired to be applied/envired from ground level using purpose made tools All bads are configured for unbading with no tailer bed access	All products have a safety data sheet avallable on delivery:	Weipits vary but al produkts are burdled or paletised for officialing mechanically (J.e. by brivilit buck). No manual handing (srequired during loading/urloaking,	Operate a pallet return service.

#### Supply Deliver and Install:

	TWUK National Supplier H SE Checklist Supply, Deliver and Install								
Supplier Name	Pro duot	Personal Protective Equipment	Prevention of Falls from vehicles [Loading/ Unicading]	CO SHH associated with the use of product	Factors relating to safe manu al handling of product	Other heath and safety information relating to the use of product	Access to workplace e.g. window openings, roofs, etc	Control of Work at Height	Other risks asso olated with installation of produot
Camberley Signs NEBOSH	Sign manulacturer.	Hard hal, High viz vest, Safely boots.	All unloading from van al low level.	NA	No one to Bill in excess of 25kgs. Whenever possible use mechanical Billing equipment.	Waming signs Insialed when working.	On arrival al site table with site manager before any work is undertaken site induction may be required.	Ladders only to be used for short duration. Three points of contact.	Underground services. Ensure permits, drawings and cal a can is available.
Chamberlain Doors CHAS	Supply & Installation of ganage doors.	Hard hal, High viz via I, Safety boots, Safety gloves.	Unloading from low level Luton vans, if entering van to unload then un attach removable adge protection then attach edge protection once in van.	Data Sheets provided for Brick & concrete dust, Silicone seatant.	Minimise movement and hending peletization of deliveries with site forkit. Two openatives to tit door. Products here weight labels.	N/A	Staffin structed to park delivery vehicle as close as possible to official point. Any dangenous ground conditions should be reported.	Specialist vehicles are associated and acquired to minimize offloading at height.	High winds can cause additional problems.
Contract Supplies NHSC Safemark	Installation of while goods.	Hi-viz jacke kr/vesi, safely footwear, safely gloves , Hard Hats.	Office of from near & driver ensures enough space, stillch nemovable edge protection, use electric tall-tit	Data Sheets Provided for tead & soldering agents.	lf over 20kg use sack inuck and use a lair walker for stairs.	Gas Safe Register CPA 1.	Via plot front or rear doors.	Step ladders used to install cooker hoods.	Electric shock and gas - All services bolated, lested and tocked off before connections are made as detailed in the approved site apectic RAMS.
Crendon Timber Engineering SMAS	design, supply and installation of imber roof structures, plutaminated structure, posi jobit and firm joist.	Hard hai, safaiy shoes, high viz jacketor vest, long incusers (no shorts) iee shirt. Glove and eye prolection.	For design, supply and installation contracts, inuse packs and boses infrate packs pre-sharp at works to imfare packs pre-sharp at works to enable chains to be allached at ground level, thereby removing the need to access the best of the wappon to offload. Products to be unloaded mschartoally.	Vacsol Aqua, dala sheeta with delivery.	The engipties of the materials to be unloaded mechanically. Frucies and toose timber banded and officeded either by forktift or crane. Weights of fruces and toose timber packs not exceeding 1.5t.	Factory filled straps for not Inusies can be filled on request al the factory.	Access to roof – via external scalfold/ ladders/tablistercase(s) – all provided by TW.	Safe access comprising edemal scaffold and niemal fall armal. Requirements delats in state specific method state mentarite k assessments.	All 110v power looks and leads to have current PAT lead certification. Method Statementa/Risk Assessments to be site specific.

Copies of the checklists available from Inhouse – and filed in Folder 3 (Construction Phase HSE Plan Folder 3, F3.07).



# 3.7 ON-GOING MONITORING

Once a contractor / operative has started on site, on-going monitoring must be undertaken (see section 1.4.4), particularly:

- Where the activities are deemed high risk
- After a significant change to the scope of works; and/or
- During or following adverse weather or significant change to the scope of works.

Before a contractor / operative starts a new type of activity not discussed at the preliminary meetings and is high risk, the Site Manager must re-use the HSE Site Control Form (see Construction HSE Plan Folder 2, F2.02).



# 3.7.1 'SUPPORT TEAM' AND 'CREATING A SITE TEAM APPROACH'

Our 'Creating a Site Team Approach' initiative is aimed at providing site management teams with support in monitoring and maintaining HSE on site. The site management teams are ecouraged to identify operatives and trades on their site to provide support through encouragement and shared ownership in maintaining a safe site. These operatives are awarded with a blue hat to ensure they are visible as part of the Site Management Team.

There are three key stages in developing and maintaining a site team approach:



**Stage 1:** The Groundworks Supervisor There is no reason why your Groundworks Supervisor cannot have a 'blue hat' and be a key member of your site support team. Over the last six years TW has run a series of training courses and workshops to help the Groundworks Supervisors develop their skills and understanding of the TW way.

If they are not suited to the task you must discuss with your Production Manager / Director about having your Groundworks Contractor Supervisor replaced.

Your Groundworks Supervisor has been:

- Selected
- Trained
- Key member of your team
- Respected

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**Stage 2:** Grow Your Site Support Team Who else on your site has the ability to assist you in maintain a safe site? They could include:

- The Telehandler Operator.
- General Operatives; or

• Individuals within Key Trades [Scaffolder, Bricklayer, Carpenter, etc.]

Stage 2 is about identifying people with the potential [and interest] and working with them to develop their skills and knowledge to participate in maintaining a safe site.





Stage 3: Making it Happen

You have your support team, now you need to maximise their involvement and support by:

- Holding regular team catch-ups;
- SHSEA visits;
- Development Site Visits; and
- Involving them in Site Walkabouts.

# 3.8 HEALTH

# 3.8.1 COSHH INCLUDING DUST

Some of the materials and substances used or produced as part of the construction process can be hazardous to health or the environment. The risks associated with these substances must be assessed and appropriate control measures introduced covering the way the substance is used, stored and disposed of.

COSHH Risk Assessments have been provided for each of the following materials/substances within the overall STAC risk assessment for the site

-	Brickleen	-	Tanalised timber
-	Spray line paint	-	General multi-origin site dust
•	Ready mixed concrete	•	Wood/MDF dust
•	Cement	-	Concrete/brick dust
•	Plaster	-	Plasterboard dust
•	General purpose adhesives	-	Lead
•	Expanding foams	-	Preparation oil
•	Expanding foam cleaners	-	Tar/glue remover
•	PVA adhesives	-	General surface spray cleaners
•	Mire bond and adhesive	-	General hard surface cleaners
•	Diesel, gas, and oil	-	Disinfectant



#### Example COSHH assessment

	Product	Normal Use	Key Risks	Control Measures	Emergency Procedures	Storage/Disposal
		Use of lead solder for roof work / plumbing operations.	<ul> <li>Direct contact with skin (potential blood lead poisoning).</li> </ul>	<u>Note</u> : If prolonged work or in confined space, further assessment to be carried out with regards to appropriate RPE.		
19	Preparation oil	Application to lead flashings (by absorbent cloth)	<ul> <li>Inhalation of fumes</li> <li>Possible irritant to nose, throat, eyes, and skin.</li> <li>Flammable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eye protection to be worn.</li> <li>Wear non-absorbent (waterproof) gloves.</li> <li>Operatives must wash hands after use, especially before eating.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fire: use CO<sub>2</sub> or powder extinguisher (not water).</li> <li>Ingestion: do not induce vomiting, rinse mouth thoroughly with water. Seek medical attention.</li> <li>Eye contact: wash thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.</li> <li>Skin contact: wash with soap and water.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Store in its sealed container in cool, dry conditions.</li> <li>Unused contents and oil-soaked rags must be disposed of as hazardous waste in accordance with TW SSEAP (i.e., toxic to aquatic organisms).</li> </ul>
20	Tar and glue remover	Removal of oil-based stains, tar and adhesives from fabrics and paintwork.	Low-toxic Irritant.     Inhalation can cause headache and dizziness.     Highly flammable.	<ul> <li>Follow manufacturer's instructions shown on packaging.</li> <li>Keep container away from heat sources</li> <li>Wear pvc/rubber gloves and, if splashes likely, face/eye shield.</li> <li>Keep hazard data sheet on site.</li> </ul>	Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting.     Eye: Irrigate with water for at least     15 minutes.     Skin: Thoroughly wash with soap     and water.     Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. If     breathing is difficult, obtain     Immediate medical attention and     give oxygen.     Contain solis with dry absorbent     and transfer to a suitable     container for disposal. Wash area     of spillage with plenty of water.	<ul> <li>Store in cool dry, well ventilated place away from heat sources.</li> <li>Do not permit discharge into water courses.</li> <li>Dispose of as non- hazardous.</li> </ul>
21	Surface clean sprays Pledge	Aerosol Polish.	<ul> <li>Non-toxic irritant.</li> <li>Highly flammable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow manufacturer's instructions shown on packaging.</li> <li>Keep container away from heat sources</li> <li>Wear eye protection.</li> <li>Keep hazard data sheet on site.</li> </ul>	Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting.     Eye: Irrigate with water for at least     Sminutes.     Skin: Thoroughly wash with soap     and water.     Inhalation: Remove to fresh air.	<ul> <li>Store in cool dry, well ventilated place.</li> <li>Dispose of as non- hazardous.</li> </ul>

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# There is a blank COSHH Form for creating new assessments as and when necessary (see the Construction HSE Plan - Folder 2, F2.2.4).

TW Contractors who bring products or substances that are hazardous to health or the environment into the workplace must ensure they have adequate COSHH Assessments in place with appropriate precautions in use.

#### When carrying out a COSHH Risk Assessment consider:

- If there is a less hazardous substance that can be used;
- How the substance will be used and any way in which an operative is likely to encounter it, e.g. if it is sprayed onto a surface is it likely to rebound onto the operative or others;
- Whether the substance will affect any part of the person it comes in contact with (see the Hazard
- Data Sheet), e.g. if it touches their skin will it burn, will contact the skin cause irritation;
- For naturally occurring substances it may be possible to change working methods e.g. to dampening dust;
- If the operative (or anyone else) needs to wear any specific PPE; and
- What are the proper waste disposal arrangements?



# 3.8.2 CONSTRUCTION DUST [Incl. Silica]

Regularly breathing construction dust particularly silica dust, over a period can be harmful to health and can potentially cause life-threatening respiratory diseases (such as Silicosis).

COSHH Assessments are carried out for any activities likely to expose operatives, etc. to respiratory risks, e.g., dusts.

<mark>Taylor</mark> Wimpey ਥ	riefing Note: Dust Control
JOINER/CARPENTER	Creating dust using mechanical woodworking tools
	CONTROL MEASURES When cutting/sanding timber / MDF, etc.: • Wear an FFP3 face mask • Where significant cutting to be carried out (e.g. for plot pack) cutting area to be set up isolated from other trades. • Workbench to be titted with suitable wood dust Extraction equipment Note:If only a few isolated cuts, wearing FFP3 face mask will likely be sufficient.
PLUMBER/ELECTRICIAN	Creating dust from chasing out
	CONTROL MEASURES When chasing out: • Wear an FFP3 face mask • Isolate area from other trades • Chasing Tool <u>must have</u> suitable dust extraction Notes: 'Chasing out' should be avoided where possible and if unavoidable, kept to a minimum. Extraction equipment <u>must be used</u> for all 'chasing-out' work
DRY LINER	Creating dust from rubbing down walls
	CONTROL MEASURES When rubbing down walls: • Wear an FFP3 face mask • Sanding tool to have suitable dust extraction Note: For hand sanding small areas, e.g. within a cupboard, wearing FFP3 face mask may be sufficient
ALL OPERATIVES	Controlling dust when cleaning out plots/apartments
	CONTROL MEASURES When cleaning out individual rooms or 'one-off' small amounts, Wear an FFP3 face mask Damp down floor with a fine mist Sweep to collect dust Note Use vacuum if available. However, there may no power available and the use of generators could introduce additional risks – e.g. electricity use in damp conditions. When cleaning out large floor areas //ull plot or regular cleaning out: Wear an FFP3 face mask Vacuum to collect dust Note For any residual dust, damp down floor with a fine mist and sweep to collect dust.

The prevention of ill health caused by dust is achieved on site by following these simple steps:

- Identification of risk activities and substances likely to expose operatives to respiratory risks are subject to a suitable COSHH assessment using the manufacturer's safety data sheet and the details of the task to be undertaken.
- Controls equipment fitted with extraction or suppression, dust bags on small tools, vacuum cleaners fitted with HEPA filters, damping down and no dry sweeping
- **PPE** FFP3 masks (face fit tested) or powered respirators
- Work practice cutting in designated areas and dusts vacuumed up regularly
- **Training** correct use of equipment and briefing/Site Safe Briefings on the expected safe system of work.



# **ELIMINATION / REDUCTION**

- When installing concrete kerbs, blocks or paving (likely to contain silica) the following measures must be considered to eliminate or limit any dust generated by cutting these products:
- Paving layout and item size can be designed so that the smallest number of cuts is required
- Specifying that materials are cut to size at the point of manufacture, eliminating the need for cutting on site e.g. brick specials, smaller paving slabs (Limiting the number of cuts during design/layout)
- Using equipment such as block splitters, that generally reduces dust

# CONTROLS BY DUST EXTRACTION

Where the risk of exposure to construction dust cannot be eliminated (e.g. use of a different material / process, etc.) those potentially exposed to construction dust for certain tasks at work must have their exposure reduced by suitable means of extraction or suppression (depending on trade and activity). RPE must also used, but only as a secondary control measure.

Type of Dust	Task	Trade	Equipment required
Silica dust [Respirable	Chasing/drilling	Plumbers /	Minimum 'M' rated dust
Crystalline Silica or RCS]	out of	Electrician	extraction & suitable RPE
that comes from silica	brick/Blockwork		
materials such as concrete, mortar and	Cleaning out plots	General Site	Minimum 'M' rated dust extraction & suitable RPE
sandstone		Operative	
Wood dust	Cutting timber	Joiner /	Minimum 'M' rated dust
	products	carpenter	extraction & suitable RPE
Lower toxicity (irritant) gypsum dust	Sanding down joint fillers	Plasterer / Dryliners	Minimum 'L' rated dust extraction & suitable RPE





#### V-TUF Vacuum order codes:

- TW CODE: TW50 V-tuf M- CLASS-Vacuum
- TW CODE: TW51 V-tuf L CLASS-Vacuum
- TW CODE: TW50A V-tuf Filter Bag for L and M CLASS (Pack-of-10)

#### Accessories include:

- 10 Metre suction hose
- 8 Metre electrical supply cable
- Floor 'sweep-up' tool
- Power tool connection.
- Shovels

Power and means of securing	' transporting the unit can also be provide by the supplier:

Power Source	Vacuum	Vacuum and Power tool
TW CODE: TW60	Yes	No
Petrol Quiet Generator - 110V Lightweight		
TW CODE: TW65	Yes	Yes
VTGD 4000 Diesel Generator		
TW CODE: TW60a	Yes	Yes
Petrol 5KVA Generator - 110V Lightweight		

#### Securing /Transporting

TW70 Secure / transportable unit for all the kit, including generator



Available from: V-TÜF | 18 Crofton Drive, Allenby Industrial Estate, Lincoln, LN3 4NR, United Kingdom Tel: 01522 515767 Mobile: 07848455979 Email eugene@v-tuf.com

When using a generator with the dust extraction unit the same control measures detailed in section 2.4.2 must be applied.



# DUST SUPPRESSION

Dust suppression equipment must be used to control dust created by some cutting activities [e.g. cutting blocks/paving slabs/ roof tiles etc]. A water supply for the suppression equipment can come directly from either the mains, an IBC or a portable source such as a powered or pressurised freestanding container

#### Examples of Suitable Dust Suppression



Husqvarna Battery Powered Dust Suppression



Makinex Hose 2 Go Constant Pressure Dust Suppression



Hilti DSH 700x or 900x Petrol Driven with integrated water pump



# 3.8.3 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT [RPE]

Given the nature of some work activities it is not always possible to eliminate or contain all the dust created by the task, therefore, suitable RPE must be provided to the operatives involved in the task/activity.

There are two main types of RPE available:

#### 1. Tight Fitting RPE (either disposable or reusable face masks)



These masks are:

- Half or full face (dependent on task)
- Disposable or re-usable
- Reliant on a good seal

The effectiveness of the mask relies on a good seal between the mask and the face of the operative. All operatives who are required to use these types of mask must be '**face fit' tested** to ensure the suitability and effectiveness of the mask and seal to the user.

Mask suppliers can carry out 'train-the-trainer' sessions for 'Face-fit' testing. Your Site HSE Advisor is trained to carry out 'Face-fit' testing. Discuss any training requirements with your Regional HSE advisor.



#### 2.Loose Fitting RPE (powered respirators/helmets with TH2 Filter)

Tight fitting masks are not always suitable for operatives with facial hair, i.e. stubble, beards, etc. Where a seal with the mask can't be achieved, alternative RPE must be provided to these operatives.

These masks are:

- Full face
- Re-usable
- Powered to maintain air pressure

Note: When an operative is using a Loose-Fitting Respirator there is no requirement for them to have had a "Face Fit" test.



#### **Trade Operatives**

Trades such as, Bricklayers, Joiners, Roofers, including general site operatives etc. are exposed to construction dust during their activity.

If the operatives' "Face Fit" Test has indicated a suitable seal cannot be achieved using a disposable / reusable face mask (e.g. facial hair) – a powered helmet must be provided.

The recommended equipment to be provided by Taylor Wimpey for our directly employed operatives or our Trade Contractor for their operatives is:



JSP Jetstream Constructor Kit (TW Order code: HEA020JET)			
Enfield Code	Consumable Description		
TWHEA020JET	Jetstream® Dust Constructor Kit (PSL) with Multi Plug		
TWHEA600FIL	Jetstream® Dust Filter TH2PSL		



The Respirators and the accessories listed below must be ordered from Enfield Safety Supplies using Taylor Wimpey Code (see above).

For access to demonstration videos, use the QR codes

Enfield Safety Supplies Langley House Station Road Standon Hearts. SG11 1QN

Tel: 0333 003 5710 Web: www.enfieldsafety.co.uk Email: sales@enfieldsafety.co.uk



#### **Groundworks Activities**

If the operatives' "Face Fit" Test has indicated a suitable seal cannot be achieved using a disposable / reusable face mask (e.g. facial hair) – a powered helmet must be provided.

The recommended equipment for use by our Groundworks Contractors is either of the powered helmets indicated or a similar product provided it is to be the same standard (if in doubt contact your RHSEA)



PowerCap Infinity Complete Unit (TW Order code: TWHEA001RES)			
TWHEA001RES	Powercap <sup>®</sup> Infinity <sup>®</sup> PAPR - Complete unit - Black		
TWHEA660FIL	TH3P R SL Filters for the PowerCap <sup>®</sup> Infinity <sup>®</sup> PAPR - Pair		



For access to demonstration videos, use the QR codes

#### Maintenance of Powered Helmets

MAKE:	mE:									
MODEL: SERIAL	NUN	IBE	R:							
Data	Citatiness	Filter Check	Fiacepiace / Seal	Visor	Haad shaps / Backiss	Valves / Scala	Maintenance Regultements	Action completed	Fit for unit	Signed
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#### Responsibility

The operative issued with the helmet is responsible for daily visual inspections and monthly recorded checks. Site Manager responsible for monitoring checks are made.

#### When

Monthly

#### Purpose

To record that the Powered Helmet is maintained in good condition and suitable for use.



# 3.8.4 SILICA DUST

Even short-term exposure to silica dust can lead to Silicosis. Research also suggests that it is the second most identified cause of occupational lung cancer after asbestos. Silica is found in many construction materials including concrete, stone, and clay products.

Consideration must first be given to 'dust free' methods of cutting – such as hand tools and block and slab splitters, tile nibblers, etc.

However, power tools are sometimes necessary e.g.:



- Groundworkers when mechanically cutting concrete kerbs, slabs, blocks, etc.
- Bricklayers when mechanically cutting bricks and blocks; and
- Roofers when mechanically cutting concrete, clay or artificial slates made from reconstructed slate/resin.

In these cases, the following control measures must be followed:

- Dust suppression
- Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE)

# 3.8.5 METHODS FOR CONTROLLING CONSTRUCTION DUST

Personal exposure of operatives must be limited where possible by:

- Rotating the task;
- Selecting cutting areas that limit the number of persons in the vicinity.
- Consideration of blade selection, e.g. diamond blades reduce the time of the cut and generate less respirable silica dust;
- Clear up the cutting location regularly, dampening to avoid excessive dust.



- a) Joiner / Carpenter when cutting/sanding timber/MDF, etc., operatives must:
- Set up a cutting area isolated from other trades where significant cutting is to be carried out (e.g. for a plot pack); and
- Use a saw/workbench fitted with suitable wood dust extraction equipment (Minimum M-Rated extraction).
- Wear suitable RPE (see section 3.6.1.6);

Note: If only a few isolated cuts required, e.g. with a handsaw, wearing suitable RPE is enough.

- b) Plumber / Electrician when chasing out brick /block operatives must:
- Isolate area from other trades; and
- Use a chasing tool fitted with suitable dust extraction (Minimum M-Rated extraction).
- Wear suitable RPE (see section 3.6.1.6);

Note: 'Chasing out' must be avoided where possible and, if unavoidable, kept to a minimum.









- cutting jig, etc. to prevent scaffold boards being damaged;
- What means of dust suppression at source is identified, e.g. powered water suppression, dust extraction, use of a tile nibbler, etc.
- Wear suitable RPE (see section 3.6.1.6);
- d) Dry Liner when rubbing down walls, operatives must:
- Use a sanding tool fitted with suitable dust extraction. [Minimum L-Rated extraction]

• Wear suitable RPE (see section 3.6.1.6); Note: For hand sanding small areas, e.g. within a cupboard, wearing FFP3 face mask is enough.





- e) General Site Operatives When cleaning out large floor areas / full plot or regular cleaning out:
- Use vacuum to collect dust

 Wear suitable RPE (see section 3.6.1.6)
 Note: For any residual dust after vacuuming, damp down floor with a fine mist and sweep to collect dust



When cleaning out individual rooms or 'one-off' small amounts:





- Use a vacuum
- Wear suitable RPE
- Damp down floor with a fine mist; and
- Sweep up to collect dust.

Note: where generators are used to power vacuums additional risks must be considered such as:

- Long cable runs; and
- Use in wet/ damp conditions etc.

Where Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is necessary, the employer must provide their staff and operatives with appropriate PPE and record its issue.

Notes:

- Where small contractors / self-employed operatives lack key items of standard PPE, they can be supplied with the items subsequently charged to them.
- Standard PPE is generally safety footwear, hard hat and high visibility clothing. (These cover general applications only). Specific Risk or COSHH assessments may require some specific items of additional PPE to a standard.
- Additional PPE can include items such as ear protectors and gloves etc.

# 3.8.6 ASBESTOS

New build homes are not constructed using asbestos contacting materials (ACM). However, asbestos could be found during demolition, refurbishment or activities involving breaking ground.

For ground-breaking works, e.g. excavations (see section 4.3)

For demolition or refurbishment works, prior to carrying out any works the following must be in place:



- Full asbestos survey carried out and reviewed by TW.
- Specialist asbestos removal contractor appointed (Asbestos licences, certification and training checked where applicable).
- Safe system of work prepared for the safe removal of asbestos / asbestos containing materials.
- Safe system of work reviewed and confirmed adequate by Production / RHSEA.
- For licenced removal, the Health and Safety Executive must be informed at least 14 days in advance. (sent by the licenced contractor)
- Upon completion, certification/evidence provided by the asbestos removal contractor that the area is clean, and all asbestos removed.

Following the removal of asbestos, site operatives involved in subsequent groundworks or refurbishment works must be briefed on:

- Where asbestos works was carried out;
- Type and information on asbestos source;
- If asbestos is found, works must be stopped immediately; and
- Regional HSE advisor and Production Director to be contacted to arrange programme of asbestos remedial works.

Note: If in doubt presume that the martial is asbestos or ACM until sampled and proved that it's not



# 3.8.7 MANUAL HANDLING AIDS

TW sites are provided with telehandlers to minimise manual handling and materials, where possible, are always delivered as close to the work area as possible to reduce the need to handle manually. However, there will be occasions when heavy, bulky or awkwardly shaped items need to be moved manually - the risks associated with manually handling these items must be assessed and appropriate control measures introduced.

When carrying out manual handling assessments consider:

- The weight of the item; generally, items over 25kg for men and 16kg for women (or 20kg and 13kg if repetitive handling is required) need to be given greater consideration;
- The repetitiveness of the lift;
- The size of the item, e.g. whether it lends itself to a two-man lift;
- Whether lifting aids can be used; and
- What general controls can be introduced to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal injury.

Contractors are responsible for providing Manual Handling Risk Assessments for any heavy items their employees need to handle and for managing the associated control measures. These will be included with their site safety documentation. They are also responsible for briefing their operatives on manual handling. They may use the following to assist their briefing:

Certain items such as Stair Sets, or Doors will have a 'Weights Warning Alert' attached to provide details of both the weight of the item and any precautions to be taken.



See Site Safe Briefing: Manual Handling.













#### Kerb Lifter

#### Brick Grab

Plasterboard Grab

# Plasterboard Lifter



# PLASTERBOARD SLOTS



The diagram below shows a plasterboard slot which can be constructed in a finished floor to assist with taking plasterboard to upper levels and reducing the manual handling risk. The use of plasterboard slots must be considered on all plots; however, they must be fitted in all plots with a kite winder or other staircase where the layout makes it difficult to manually handle the boards.

The Optional Plasterboard Slot Details are available on Inhouse







Where a slot has been installed, the contractor must instruct his employees that the slot must be closed over when not in use.



### MANUAL HANDLING SAFETY GUIDE

The TW Manual Handling Safety Guide, illustrated on the following page, is available on Inhouse

Poster packs are provided to site. If you are concerned about potentially heavy items being handled manually check the control measures in the contractor's risk assessment.

	MATERIAL	TYDIAN	RECOMMEND	ED HANDLING	MANUAL HANDING	
	MATERIAL	WEIGHT	DISTRIBUTION ABOUND SITE	FIXING	CONTROLS	
	Reinforcement mesh 2.4 x 4.8mt	to 126 kg	Mechanical	Mechanical	Minimum 2 person per 50 kg	
	Floor beams 175/225mm x 6mt	33 kg/m	Mechanical	Mechanical	Only mechanical lifting and pla	
	Blocks 100mm thick	18.5 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Edging kerb 150 x 50	15 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Kerbs 250 x 125	67 kg each	Mechanical	Mechanical	Only mechanical lifting and pla	
	Kerbs 150 x 125	38 kg each	Mechanical	Mechanical	2 person operation for < 10 ker	
	Slabs 450 x 450 x 38	17 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Slabs 450 x 450 x 50	24 kg each	Mechanical	Mec/Manual	Minimum 2 person < 10 Slabs	
	Slabs 900 x 600 x 50	65 kg each	Mechanical	Mechanical	Only mechanical lifting and pla	
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	Dense Blocks 100mm solid	18.5 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Dense Blocks 140mm solid	26 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Aiscrete Block 100mm 2 6N	14.5 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Aircrete Block 300mm 3 6N	18.4 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Stone cills/surrounds	50 ko/m	Mechanical	Mec/Manual	Minimum 2 person lift	
	Lintel – L1/HD 1200mm	13 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person lift	
	Lintel – L1/HD 2100mm	28.kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person lift	
	Lintel – L1/HD 2700mm	45.kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person lift	
	Type 1F feit	22.5 koiroll	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	38 x 25 batten	25-40 kg per 10	Mechanical	Manual	Break up bundle before handling	
	Roof tiles	4.6-5.8 kg each	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
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	Roof trusses	Various	Mechanical	Mechanical	Only mechanical lifting and pla	
	1200 x 1200 window	30 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	1/70 x 1500 window	70 Kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Double sidelight door unit	109 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	External door	60 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Internal door 762mm	12 - 40 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Fire door 762mm	36 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Garage door	64 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Stairs - straight	90 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Stairs – with kitewinders	160 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Joists	45kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Flooring 18 – 22mm	17 – 21 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	GRP Canopies 1.2 x 1.5mt	30kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	GRP Canopies 1.8 x 2.2mt	50kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Plasterboard 12.5 mm thick	25 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Plasterboard 15.0 mm thick	29 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
teatiñg	Board finish	25 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Ceramic tiles (box)	18.5 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Tile adhesive (bag)	22.7 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Toilet pan	23 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Basin	15 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Use correct lifting technique	
	Bath	21 – 60 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	300mm lead roll	37 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Cut to length	
	Boiler - floor mounted	75 – 96 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Boiler - wall mounted	23 - 40 kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Radiator 1000 x 450	20 Kg	Mechanical	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
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	Kitchen base unit 500	28 kg	Manual	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Kitchen base unit 1000	36 kg	Manual	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	Futchen was unit 1000	20 Kg	Manual	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
	r uli neight nousing	60 kg	Manual	Manual	Minimum 2 person	
RED	Use mechanical lifting as muc	th as possible. Whe	re manual handling ens	ure controls followed	TW SD-01	
AMBE	R Refer to manual handling con	trols / Additional ca	re and attention is requi	red.		
GREE	Manual handling but NEVER	lift more than you fe	eel comfortable with.			

it takes a moment to hurt your back but the pain lasts a lifetime

# 3.8.8 NOISE GENERAL AREAS TO BE AWARE OF

Construction sites can be noisy environments and TW aims to eliminate or minimise exposure to noise by:

- Identification of risk measures to include assessing all activities that are likely to expose operatives to noise above 80dB(A)
- **Controls** selection of plant and equipment to reduce noise and where necessary establishing noise zones
- **PPE** Selection and provision of appropriate hearing protection to operatives carrying out the works
- Work practice segregate cutting equipment from rest of workforce and regular rotation of operatives
- **Training** correct use of equipment and briefing/Site Safe Briefings on the expected safe system of work.

The Site-Specific Environmental Action Plan (SSEAP) (see section 9.2.1) provides details of any associated potential noise issues for your site. Further details on noise as a 'Statutory nuisance' (see Section 9.4).



- Generators Consider use of fully canopied and silenced generators;
- Use of screening between the source and a receiver of noise. A screen is most effective when placed near to either the source of the noise (e.g. generator / compressor) or the receptor but not halfway between the two;
- Not leaving plant / equipment running overnight (limit to site working hours), this is specifically the case if it can be heard at the site boundary (however consider drying room needs);
- Ensuring plant is regularly maintained;
- Always keeping doors and hoods of vehicles and machinery closed; and
- Ensuring that noisy equipment is not left running when not in use.

**Note:** Working hours are likely to have been restricted as a planning condition.



#### NOISE CONTROL MEASURES

- Identify any general controls that can be introduced to reduce the noise to remove the need for operatives having to wear hearing protection.
- Observe if operatives are required to spend time in areas where the noise is at or over the 'lower exposure action value' of 80 dB (A-weighted) and, if so, <u>encourage</u> the use of hearing protection. (See Listening Checks below).
- Observe if operatives are required to spend time in areas where the noise is at or over the 'upper exposure action value', of 85 dB (A-weighted) and, if so, <u>enforce</u> the use of hearing protection.
- Some equipment like cartridge operated fixing tools create a very short burst of noise above the 'Peak lower exposure action value' of 135 dB (C-weighted) or 'upper exposure action value' of 137 dB (C-weighted) With such equipment <u>enforce</u> the use of hearing protection.

#### LISTENING CHECKS

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- Are employees exposed to noise which makes it necessary to shout to talk to someone **1 m away**, for more than about **half an hour per day** in total? *The noise level here is probably 90 dB or more*.
- Are employees exposed to noise which makes it necessary to shout to talk to someone 2 m away, for more than about two hours per day in total? The noise level here is probably 85 dB or more.
- Is conversation at 2 m possible, but **noise is intrusive** comparable to a busy street, a typical vacuum cleaner or a crowded restaurant for more than about **six hours per day** in total? *The noise level here is probably 80 dB or more*
- \* extracted from HSE Guidance "Controlling Noise at Work. The Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 L108 (Second Edition).

Contractors are responsible for considering the noise levels of equipment they bring on site, providing Noise Risk Assessments where necessary and managing the control measures. The Site Manager must be notified when high noise levels affect other site personnel so that appropriate measures can be implemented. If you are concerned about the noise being generated by a contractor's equipment, check the control measures in the contractor's risk assessment.



# 3.8.9 VIBRATION

Vibration has a health and safety, and nuisance effect both of which the site needs to be aware of.

There are three areas covered in this section:

- Hand Arm Vibration (HAV);
- Whole-Body Vibration (WBV); and
- Environmental vibration

Our approach to the prevention of ill health and nuisance caused by vibration risks is achieved on site by following these simple steps:

- Identification of risk\* activities likely to expose operatives to hand arm vibration and whole-body vibration are risk assessed, using information provided by the tool and plant suppliers, HSE Daily Vibration Calculator or HAVTEC website to determine exposure levels for operatives.
- **Controls** selection of low vibration tools, anti-vibration handles and mounts and consider where possible the use of work benches.
- **PPE** gloves to keep hands warm and dry
- Work practice trigger times recorded, and work stopped once daily limit is reached.
- **Training** correct use of equipment and briefing/Site Safe Briefings on the expected safe system of work, including trigger times.

Vibration can be minimised through regular plant maintenance

\*Contractors are responsible for providing Risk Assessments for any plant or equipment that creates a vibration hazard and managing any control measures required. If you are concerned about the way any plant or equipment is being used, check the control measures in the contractor's risk assessment.



# HAND / ARM VIBRATION (HAV)



HAV Risk Assessments must consider:

- What general controls can be introduced to reduce the risk;
- Whether there is a safer way to carry out the operation (e.g. using machine mounted hydraulic breaker instead of handheld jack hammers);
- The vibration level of the equipment;
- How the equipment will be used and the estimated length of time it will be used for;
- If there is a need for health monitoring; and
- If the operative needs to wear any specific PPE.

See Site Safe Briefing: Hand/Arm Vibration (HA).

WHOLE BODY VIBRATION (WBV)

- WBV health hazards can generally be avoided by:
- keeping seats and anti-vibration mountings in good condition;
- not driving off-road (if possible); and
- not driving too fast.



#### ENVIRONMETAL VIBRATION



Vibration from activities such as demolition or piling activities on site may be perceived by those within proximity of the site (residents and businesses), as being a major issue. Generally, persons are 'very sensitive receptors' when it comes to issues such as noise and vibration and, as such, the residents and businesses must be consulted prior to these works commencing to ensure that these groups are made aware of the issues and that there is no cause for concern.

Where complaints are received directly to the site or TW, the Environmental Advice / Incident Line (0845 003 8752) must be contacted to ensure that it is logged and that any corrective action is put in place.

#### 3.8.10 DERMATITIS



Dermatitis: an inflammation of the skin that can arise from exposure to a range of materials or substances. The main signs and symptoms are dryness, redness, itching, swelling, flaking, cracking & blistering, and it can be very painful and debilitating.

Substances within the construction industry that can potentially cause work related dermatitis, include:

- Wet cement;
- Epoxy resins and hardeners;
- Acrylic sealants;
- Bitumen or asphalt;
- Solvents used in paints or glues;
- Petrol, diesel, oils and greases; and
- Degreasers and detergents.

See Site Safe Briefing: Dermatitis (Site HSE Briefing Folder)



# 3.8.11 LEPTOSPIROSIS (Weil's Disease)

Leptospirosis is a serious and sometimes fatal infection that is transmitted to humans by contact with urine from infected rats. The bacteria can get into your body through cuts and scratches and through the mouth and eyes after contact with infected urine or contaminated water, such as in sewers and ditches or dirty surfaces such as canteen tables.

# 3.9 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (P.P.E)

Where Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is necessary, the employer must provide their staff and operatives with appropriate PPE and record its issue.

Notes:

- Where small contractors / self-employed operatives lack key items of standard PPE, they can be supplied with the items subsequently charged to them.
- Standard PPE is generally safety footwear, hard hat and high visibility clothing. (These cover general applications only). Specific Risk or COSHH assessments may require some specific items of additional PPE.
- Additional PPE can include items such as ear protectors and gloves etc.