

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

COMING SOON.....

Next month we will see the introduction of our new 'best practice' page. This will be a page in the newsletter each month with real examples of best practice that we spot during health and safety inspections. It was a suggestion from a newsletter reader, which we greatly appreciate and welcome any feedback to ensure you get the most from the monthly newsletter and safety campaign! Keep a look out for any of your sites that might be included.



MEET THE TEAM

KATIE CONNOR

Hi, my name is Katie and I'm a Safety Advisor for CSS. I'm based in Solihull and cover sites/projects generally within the Midlands area. I have been with the company for over two years, originally starting with Principal Safety prior to the merge of Principal and CSS.



I believe that building good relationships with others is only beneficial, since working with the company I have been able to build some good relationships with my colleagues, clients and contractors. I enjoy working with others and helping our clients and contractors to understand best practice. During my time with CSS I have been fortunate to have been provided with several training opportunities, which, alongside my growing experience has enabled me to expand my safety knowledge and skills within the construction industry.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with family and friends, walking my dog Murphy and am currently planning our November wedding.

HSE launches asbestos campaign



This month's safety campaign focuses on asbestos. Although we have had an asbestos awareness campaign previously there is currently a huge push on the topic by the HSE. The HSE have updated all of the information available on its website which includes (wait for it).... videos that are not from the early 90's! It's the news we have all been waiting for, and rest assured the new videos have found themselves within the CSS asbestos awareness training course!

Asbestos is still responsible for around 5,000 deaths in the UK each year and is a significant hazard in the construction sector. Use the safety campaign information to ensure that all those involved in projects are aware of the hazards of asbestos and that they have received the required training.



Temporary Works



There are many elements of temporary works in construction, these fall under various pieces of legislation and are required to be managed. Temporary works provide a solution to items such as access/egress, site hoardings, protection of falls, and stability of structures.

Within smaller construction projects it is sometimes not considered or understood what is required to ensure compliance. All temporary works fall under categories 0-3 ranging from simple to complex, but all must have a design solution in place. This is covered under Stability of Structures under CDM and Temporary Works B5975. Where temporary works are also in place to assist in working at height, or the prevention of a fall, they will also fall under the Work at Height Regs.

Examples of common temporary works are;

- **Heras fencing** - this will require the fencing to be installed to manufacturer guidance/manual and if you differ from this will require an independent design.
- **Propping** - this can range from basic to complex, but all require a design and inspection regime by a competent person.
- **Edge protection/guard rails/scaffolding** - all fall under temporary works and other requirements which require a design to be in place, and an inspection regime by a competent person.
- **Safety netting** - ranges in complexity depending on what it has been tied to and the fall distance needed below.

Remember all temporary works require a design and inspection by a competent person!

PROSECUTIONS



[Man handed community order for illegal removal of asbestos](#)

[Company fined and director receives suspended prison sentence after scaffolder suffers electric shock](#)

[Garden landscaper sentenced after worker dies](#)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CSS strive to ensure that we offer the best possible advice as early as possible. If you have any concerns, or questions in relation to the project you are working on, please call us so that we can advise and offer any assistance that may be needed. We have a very approachable team who are there to help through the whole project process.



CDM TRAINING



CSS offer a range of CDM training sessions which can be carried out at a location that suits you, or online. This includes CDM training for all duty holders.

If you would like training undertaken please do not hesitate to contact our office on 01869 220649 where we will be happy to help.

Alternatively, if you want to discuss safety matters, or the newsletter contact Phil Davies on 07718 096940 or phildavies@constructionss.co.uk