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NEWSLETTER

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Construction Company Fine



A construction company has been fined £5,000 after it failed to provide workers with adequate welfare facilities.

The construction company was carrying out work at a site, when it was visited by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The proactive inspection found the company had failed to provide workers with adequate facilities for workers to wash their hands.

It wasn't the first time the company had failed to provide such facilities with enforcement action being taken by HSE on three other occasions. It is a legal duty for companies to provide workers with suitable welfare facilities, and it is also the Clients duty to ensure suitable welfare facilities are in place. Guidance on the provision of [suitable welfare facilities](#) is available.

Chemical Toilets

Portable chemical toilets (also known as portaloos) are acceptable where you cannot provide flushing toilets. They may be the only achievable way of providing toilet facilities at the start and / or end of some projects. They are more common on temporary and smaller sites or in addition to permanent facilities on more remote parts of larger sites. If there is power available, you can always provide the powered versions, to ensure you have hot running water and lighting etc. within the chemical toilet.



Washing Facilities

Place washing facilities next to the toilets and any changing rooms. They should include:

- Clean hot and cold, or warm running water
- Soap or other suitable means of cleaning
- Towels or other suitable means of drying
- Adequate ventilation and lighting
- Showers may also be needed depending on the work being done

Sinks / washbasins need to allow workers to wash their hands, face and forearms properly. Check the sink size and tap location allow this. Some portable toilets only have a hand sanitiser and a small sink. This is inadequate unless other suitable washing facilities are nearby. Portable toilets with bigger sinks and hot / warm water are available.

Hand washing should not generally take place in the same areas you use for eating and drinking. It is particularly important to provide washing facilities separate from eating and rest areas where you are exposing workers to hazardous substances like cement or lead etc. This is to control the risk of contamination.

Work Related Stress

This month our safety campaign document will be focused around work related stress and what you must consider as an employer and how to manage it.

Link to the HSE website for [work related stress](#)



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 Adam Hart on 07590 046736 or adam.hart@constructionss.co.uk

