

General Site Health & Safety

Prepare: Quiet location? No distractions? Talk aids ready? **Reason:** All persons on site have a legal responsibility to conduct their activities in a safe manner..

Why: It is against the law for you to endanger yourself or others by your actions or omissions.

Outline: This talk will cover responsibilities under health and safety legislation and on-site safety..



Your Health And Safety Responsibilities

- Comply with the **Health and Safety at Work Act 1974** or you could be liable for the same penalties as your employer.
- You have a duty to look after yourself and others affected by what you do and do not do.
- **Always** report any fault or defect which could endanger your health and safety.

Q: What duty do you have to yourself and others?

- You must comply with all safety requirements laid down by your employer.
- Do not abuse or damage any PPE supplied for your safety.
- Never carry out work of a dangerous nature or operate machines **unless you are trained to do so**.

Q: What should you not do regarding the use of PPE?

On-Site Safety

- Do not drink and drive – it could cost you your job.
- Do not use drugs, even outside of work time, you could be putting yourself and your workmates at risk.
- Do not leave rubbish lying about, clean up as you go.
- Do not obstruct gangways or stairs with tools or materials.

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Q: What must you remember with stairs and gangways?

- Gather up all off cuts of brick, plasterboard, timber, reinforcing bars and any other material.
- Route all cables and hoses out of the way. Where possible, suspend them above head height.
- An accumulation of waste material provides a good starting point for fire. Do not let it happen.

Q: What should you remember about trailing cables?

- If tools get damaged get them repaired or replaced.
- When working at height secure loose objects so they can't fall and injure someone.
- Remove nails from timber to prevent foot injuries.
- Store flammable substances, fuel, propane, foam and plastics in a safe place, not next to a fire exit.

Q: What should you consider when working at height?

Note to supervisor:

Now inform your workforce of the company policy regarding site rules: wearing PPE, site transport, fire prevention and Permit to Work systems.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you:

Q: What would you do with faulty safety equipment?

Q: What do the site rules cover?

REMEMBER:

ON SITE HEALTH AND SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL

Sources

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