

Current work in the Hub

Work continues to review the following raising the bar guidance documents:

- Plant and equipment
- Traffic management entry and exit
- Man / machine interface
- Temporary safety barrier

We welcome any constructive feedback so if you wish to get involved please send your comments to DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Current raising the bar guidance documents are available on the Highways Agency website:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/major-projects-delivery-hub-health-safety-action-group/>

Highways Agency alerts:

HA123 Aspect cover failure

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/highways-agency-safety-alerts/>

Health and Safety Executive news

During the fortnight beginning 9 June, the Health and Safety Executive's construction division plans to undertake a two week health inspection initiative, formally known as annual blitz initiatives.

Health and Safety Executive operational inspectors will carry out 500 inspections, mainly focussing on larger sites, covering all significant health risk issues, for example the control of dust or other hazardous substances, moving and lifting of blocks, kerbs and paving, and the noise and hand-arm vibration dangers associated with activities such as cutting and breaking concrete products.

For current requirements on Highways Agency sites please refer to raising the bar guidance document:

[B12 – Occupational health](#)

[B8 – Manual handling](#)

[B18 – Dust control](#)

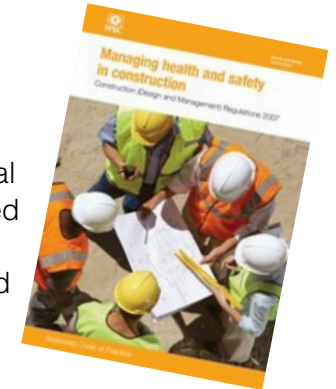
[B19 – Noise control](#)



IOSH CDM review webinar

On Friday 9 May 2014 the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) Construction Group hosted a webinar presentation and questions and answers session outlining the 2014 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) consultation process. The presentation by Anthony Lees, Head of the Construction Policy Unit at the Health and Safety Executive, was recorded and is now available to view here.

It will be useful for anyone who wants to gain a greater understanding of the proposed CDM Regulation changes.



Competence to operate construction plant guidance

A new strategic forum plant safety group guidance document on competence to operate construction plant has been published by the CPA (Construction Plant-hire Association).

The new document aims to clarify methods for employers to manage, develop and record employees' competences to operate all types of plant.

The Health and Safety Executive and Construction Industry Training Board were key participants, alongside a wide range of other organisations. The guidance covers management of training and management of experience, as well as management of competence.

The document plus others published by the CPA Plant Safety Group can be found via the link <http://www.cpa.uk.net/sfpg/#Competence>

Transport Research Library to test HGV blind-spot technology

A **new** project funded by Transport for London (TfL) will independently test blind-spot safety technology, which can be fitted to heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) to help reduce the risk of collisions between HGVs, pedestrians and cyclists. The new safety initiative, which builds on TfL's work into Construction Logistics and Cyclists' Safety, will be carried out by the independent Transport Research Laboratory (TRL).

The project will evaluate the effectiveness of the full range of blind-spot safety technology in spotting pedestrians and cyclists. This includes camera monitoring systems, optical and radar detection systems, and other sensors fitted to HGVs.

The findings will then be used to create new and detailed performance criteria, such as the distance objects can be detected, how easily the equipment detects vulnerable road users, and how reliable the equipment is, to allow for independent testing and evaluation of products on the market today.

Delivery Partners will then be able to use the new standard testing criteria to make a more informed choice about the types of safety equipment they invest in for their fleet vehicles.

For current requirements on Highways Agency sites please refer to raising the bar guidance document [B20 – Transport logistics management](#).



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