



Control of Contractors

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Health, Safety and Fire Advisor.

Legal Responsibility



Any employer who engages a contractor to assist with any part of a business has a legal duty to ensure that any such work is carried out safely and that no-one is exposed to risk to their health and safety as a result of that work.

The question is
How far do we need to go?

To What Extent?.



- We do not have to stand at your shoulder for the duration of the task.
- We do not have to do your risk assessments.
- We do have to ensure that you abide by site rules if they exist.
- We do have to request and receive your risk assessments.

To What Extent?



- We do have to ensure that you put into practice the controls measures deemed necessary by the risk assessment
- We do have to ensure that any equipment / plant which you bring onto or use on our premises is in good condition and in good working order.

What will we do if you do not conform?



Because we have OHSAS 18001 we will be externally audited annually and part of that audit will look at our control of contractors.

For this reason we carry out internal audits and site staff are required to report any infringements to management who will issue a non conformity notice

Your Legal Duty.



- You are responsible for your Health and safety.
- You are also responsible for the Health and safety of anyone affected by your activities.
- You must share relevant H&S information with other employers. e.g. BCC
- You must relay information received with your employers.