

MPA Charter for Contractor Safety

Context and Definition of ‘Contractor’ re MPA’s Contractor Charter

MPA’s health & safety statistics give compelling evidence that contractors are at disproportionate risk of injury.

By emphasising the need for MPA members to work closely with contractors, the ‘MPA Charter for Contractor Safety’ addresses a wide spectrum of factors that will reduce Contractor injuries and incidence of ill health.

For the Charter, the term ‘Contractor’ covers all those persons on sites within scope of MPA membership, but *excludes* hauliers; visitors; couriers; collect trade drivers; and low risk office-based activities. Hauliers are covered by the CPC; MPQC Drivers Skills Card; & Licensing.

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Zero Harm

MPA members and their Contractors will work closely together to reduce contractor injuries and the incidence of ill health, with the aim of achieving the target of ZERO HARM.

Competency

MPA members will use only Contractors who are competent. Contractors will provide personnel and sub-contractors who are competent for the work to be undertaken and are working towards MPA’s competency targets. On matters of health & safety, MPA members will consider the needs of Contractors with the same enthusiasm as for Employees.

Consistency of MPA Members’ Approach

MPA members will continue to work together to develop consistency in their approach to health and safety fundamentals for the benefit of all parties, e.g. ‘golden rules’; risk assessments; method statements; lock-out procedures; etc.

Risk Management

MPA members and Contractors will ensure that all risk assessments are specific for the work to be undertaken and have been prepared by competent persons including those involved in the task.

Supervision

MPA members and, where appropriate, Contractors will provide a point of contact on site and will ensure that the level of supervision is appropriate for the work being undertaken. MPA members and Contractors will provide a working environment that is fair and reasonable, and encourages an open approach towards improving health and safety.

Communication

MPA members will involve, proactively, Contractors on site in Health & Safety Committees, safety briefings and toolbox talks, when appropriate. MPA Members and Contractors will encourage 'Near Hit' reporting as a positive leading indicator and will empower their employees to challenge conditions which may undermine the target of ZERO HARM.

Occupational Health

Contractors will work with MPA members to address occupational health issues.

Safe Plant and Equipment

Contractors will ensure, by their own declaration, that their plant, tools & equipment are fit for purpose and meet accepted Industry standards.

MPQC Contractors Safety Passport

MPA strongly recommends that all Contractors obtain and retain valid MPQC Contractor Safety Passports (with the aim of moving to mandatory status by the end of 2014) - and that MPA members request sight of these Passports upon the Contractor's arrival, as part of a site specific induction. By exception, client exemptions may apply if the contractor is working under close, effective & proportionate supervision.

MPA Contractor Database

MPA strongly recommends all Contractors to engage with the MPA national Contractor Database. More information at www.picsauditing.com/uk , tel: 0845 609 1882.

MPA Health & Safety Awards Scheme

MPA members will encourage Contractors to participate in the annual MPA Health & Safety Awards Scheme. Contractors will commit to take note of relevant articles in MPA's "Sharing Good Practice" guides and all other relevant guidance freely available at www.Safequarry.com

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