



Health and Safety

Policy

EDSR operate a robust and comprehensive health and safety policy that not only complies with all current legislation but proactively manages the health and safety of its employees and anyone else affected by its operations.

Health and Safety Management System

The health and safety system complies with the internationally recognised OHSAS 18001 standard and is accredited externally by NQA Global Assurance, who audit the system independently twice a year.

Health and Safety Manual

Within the framework of the policy the system relies on an extensive manual with detailed guidance and pro-formas for CDM, risk assessments, site welfare, COSHH, noise, vibration, manual handling, protection of the public and other health and safety topics. The Manual, also available on the Company intranet, gives site managers clear and concise guidance on how to manage these issues on a site-by-site basis.

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Monitoring

As well as the NQA external audits, the system is monitored internally by the Health, Safety and Systems Manager, who carries out fortnightly site inspections, incident investigations and develops and monitors the annual Training Plan.

In practice

For each project a site-specific CDM Health and Safety Plan, Method Statements and Risk Assessments are prepared, addressing each potential risk, and detailing the responsibilities and precautions to be put in place. This gives site managers accountability for their projects and engenders a strong health and safety culture. All site personnel are then inducted onto the project using these documents and regular 'toolbox talks' are held on topics highlighted in the method statements and risk assessments.

Permit to Work systems are operated for high risk operations such as confined spaces, excavation and hot cutting works. Strict controls are applied on the use of Personal Protective Equipment and the operation and maintenance of plant and equipment.

The EDSR Group of Companies have been awarded the Gold Award for Occupational Safety by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) for 2008.



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