

HSE Construction Health Inspection Initiative - October 2018

What:

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will be carrying out its latest construction inspection initiative throughout October 2018. This initiative will focus on health, in particular the measures in place to protect workers from occupational lung disease caused by asbestos, silica, wood and other dusts when carrying out common construction tasks.

Why:

Priority is given to safety but thousands more workers suffer ill-health at work than are harmed by at-work accidents. Asbestos and dust are 'slow killers'. HSE estimates that annually there are around 8,000 work-related cancer deaths a year. The construction industry accounts for around 3,500 of these of these with asbestos and silica the major causes. Construction businesses and workers need to be aware of how dangerous and hazardous to someone's health such substances can be.

How:

HSE inspectors will be looking to ensure those involved with construction projects know the risks, properly plan their work and use the right controls. Where poor standards are found, enforcement action will be taken. Work right and Go Home Healthy.

For more information on the Go Home Healthy campaign, please visit <http://www.hse.gov.uk/gohomehealthy/index.htm>, or if you would like more information on the occupational health services that SSG can provide.

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