

Use of Safety Glasses

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Many of our clients have rules on the wearing of PPE on site e.g. gloves and safety glasses on Wates / AMEC sites.

Allied's Guidance

Our guidance to you is to carry your safety glasses at all times & wear them when required, e.g. when using abrasive wheels, in dusty environments, & if part of site rules.

Let us know what you think...

We are looking at various types of safety glasses in the market e.g. tinted safety glasses to help in bright sun.

We would welcome your comments. If you have a preferred style or brand of safety glasses, please let us know.

Problem Eyesight?

If you wear ordinary prescription glasses, please pass a copy of your most recent prescription to your supervisor. We will then try to purchase prescription safety glasses for you.

Seeing Clearly

We know that safety glasses can easily become scratched if you don't have the right cleaning equipment. Allied will provide cleaning equipment for your safety glasses.

Accident Statistics

Accident statistics for 2005 so far:-

2	Slips, trips & falls
2	Manual Handling

These figures are a slight improvement on 2004 when there were 6 Slips, Trips and Falls & 5 Manual Handling injuries.

Thanks for your efforts. Lets aim for zero accidents for the rest of the year!

Work Equipment

There has been a recent spate of damage to work equipment e.g. the engine on a Stihl saw due to the wrong fuel mix, damage caused to glazing panels on site whilst using a cutter.

Allied are undertaking a programme of re-training in the use of work equipment.

You must not use any work equipment which you have not been trained to use.

We would like your feed-back on areas where training is needed in relation to work equipment.

Work At Height Regulations 2005

The Regs came out in April this year. 1 new change is:-

Top handrail now at 950mm not 910mm as previously.

The Regs require us to look at collective safety measures such as "**Advanced Guardrails**".

We are also trialling different types of lanyard which will allow you to hook on above your head. This is to reduce the severity of a fall.

We are trialling such a system in the coming months.

Please co-operate fully during these trials.



Mobile Phones

An experienced scaffolder fell to his death recently. He was having a heated discussion with a vehicle repair garage when he lost his footing on an incomplete scaffold. He was not hooked on.

This was a tragic & avoidable death, which highlights the dangers of using a mobile phone on construction sites.

Allied have developed a policy in relation to the use of mobile phones.

When working, your phone should be off & calls must be limited to break-times.

Foreman who need to use the phone for work must only make/take calls in a safe place.

If driving a company vehicle do not use your phone. Pull over to a safe place before making or taking calls. You are risking heavy fines & points, and Allied could also be fined. We will take action if this happens.

Thanks for your co-operation.

