



Masons Safe Working Practices

To comply with the existing legislation, codes of practice and your Torbay Council's requirements on health and safety at work you must:-

1. Take reasonable care for the health and safety of yourself and of other persons who may be affected by your acts or omissions at work.
2. Not interfere with or misuse anything in the interest of health, safety or welfare.
3. Take care to see that the public are not exposed to any hazards from work processes.
4. Wear the appropriate items of protective clothing and safety equipment whenever it is required, in particular:-

Goggles – when using disc cutters, chipping stone or other like material etc.

Helmets - when workmen are overhead, where there is overhanging debris or when working under anything that could strike from overhead.

Respirators/face masks - when working in dusty conditions.

Fluorescent jackets - with reflective strips when working on or near the highway.

Ear protection - when working with or near to noisy equipment.

Gloves – when there is a likely hood of the hands being grazed or cut.

5. When using a ladder, secure it at the top and bottom. The ladder must extend at least 3ft 6 ins (1.1m) above the landing point.
6. Do not use defective plant, tools or equipment. Report defects to your immediate supervisor.
7. Use the safe means of access or scaffolding provided where work cannot safely be done from the ground.
8. Use a gad holder when using a sledgehammer with a gad.
9. When required ensure sufficient advance road warning signs are in position, and that temporary footpaths are provided where necessary (As per Chapter 8). Remove all road signs on completion of work.

10. If using standpipes and keys, ensure that a collapsible all round guard is provided.
11. Position yellow painted warning lamps with amber lens around hazards left overnight.
12. Under no circumstances operate discs cutters unless you have been trained and authorised to do so.
13. Do not allow unauthorised persons to interfere with or alter scaffolding or timbering.
14. Work in excavations must be carried out according to the regulations.
15. All electrical equipment must be subject to a programme of testing.
16. Where possible only use 110 volt portable electrical tools.
17. When re-filling plant equipment it must be allowed to cool down and carried out in a well ventilated area using the correct equipment and any spillage immediately clean up.
18. Dust must, were possible, be controlled by damping down.
19. When dealing with hazards do not forget to protect the public ie Noise, dust.
20. Good housekeeping is vital for a safe working environment.
21. All hazardous material is to be assessed before use in accordance with the COSHH regulations. Refer to the guidance on the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health.
22. Always be aware of 'sharps' and be careful when placing your hands where you cannot see.