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Dealing with the fallout from a near fatal accident

A small sub-contractor on one of my client sites recently suffered a near fatal accident when a Joiner fell from ceiling height. During the HSE investigation, it became clear that my client had put into place all necessary supervision and checks and the focus turned onto to the sub-contractor. They had received poor health and safety advice and support and were in breach of several regulations. I was contracted in to sustain and develop the system by reviewing and introducing a new Safety Management System and training including all supervisor on CITB Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme and Mangers on the Site Managers Safety Training Scheme. The HSE took a very balanced view of the situation and acknowledged the improvements and decided not to prosecute them.

Getting accreditations in place to win tenders and ensure safety

A small construction contractor was applying to carry out work for a large Principal Contractor. They needed evidence that the contractor was a safe and competent contractor. The first few days we spent constructing a new ISO Management system and the next few weeks monitoring and training. Within seven weeks we were able to gather the verifiable information together to provide their accreditation. This had to be done quickly over two months' Once the evidence was received the large national company were satisfied and a large contract followed

Multi-Agency Compliance

I was contracted by a Spanish company who had been involved in building the Panama Canal and had set up a UK company which had won tenders for the new Forth bridge in Scotland and Mersey Gate Bridge in Merseyside, dependent upon them proving the met all European and British safety regulations. After research into the job specifications, I built a safety system and wrote procedures and method statements with the Mangers and which met the multi-agency requirements. My team and I stayed with the company throughout the project, monitoring, inspecting auditing giving advice. The company were thoroughly satisfied as we had zero over seven-day injuries and this allowed the company to tender and win a new bid on the HS2 Line

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Complacency

The organisation that contacted me was a large housing association which comprised of several companies dealing with housing issues, construction, and repairs and future investment. They had internal Health and Safety. However, the Board wanted an external Consultant to audit the companies for compliance. The Board had been informed they were compliant, but the review proved this was far from reality and the company had many issues which could lead to serious accidents and have enormous financial implications in light of new fines regulation. I worked with the health and safety department, writing a new system and implementing training across the organisation. When the Board were presented with the new system and implementation strategy they were

Ensuring Competent External Advice

Lord Young undertook a report into Health and Safety Consultants after bad press and some weird and dangerous information for supposedly safety professionals. I like many safety consultants had to apply for OSHCR accreditation as well as maintain my Chartered status with IOSH. Many supposed safety construction experts could not pass muster and could not achieve OSHCR recognition. Have they left the industry, no they are still out there giving dubious advice to companies? I was contacted by a large development company which had two arms, I was to assist with the new build, and a separate health and safety company with no OSHCR accredited persons would deal with the refurbishments. Over six different sites spread across the country there were no accidents or prohibition notices on new build properties. There had been two over seven-day accidents and two prohibition notices on refurbishments, one of which several years later the client is being taken to court over. After a review by the Board, we now undertake all health and safety duties across the companies.