

## Health & Safety Training Strategies

A reoccurring theme throughout all health & safety legislation is the requirement for operatives to have appropriate and current training for the task that they are required to carryout.

Adequate training will reduce the likelihood of an injury or damage to health occurring due to a lack of appropriate skills and knowledge.

For example, all site operatives likely to work on existing structures, are required to have asbestos awareness training to enable them to protect themselves and others against exposure to harmful asbestos fibres.

Other key areas of training might include basic manual handling training or more advanced skills such as SMSTS (Site Management Safety Training Scheme).

It is now a key requirement of the CDM Reg's (Construction Design & Management Regulations) that all duty holders have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience before taking on a task and for those responsible for appointing them to satisfy themselves that they possess these attributes. This is not limited to site staff but extends to designers, Principal Designers and Contractors.

Quoin provides a health & safety training advice service which comprises an audit of the Client's training requirements and preparation of a training matrix setting out the training goals for the coming year while reviewing the achievements of the previous twelve months and on going monitoring services.

For contractors evidence of skills, knowledge and experience can be provide by pre-qualification through one of the SSIP's (Safety Schemes in Procurement) e.g. CHAS, Exor, Constructionline etc. Quoin is able to provide technical assistance with the management of these applications together with help in providing the supporting health & safety documentation required for a successful application.

