Scaffolding with integrity

NASC

The NASC Code of Practice product audit applies to new product at point of entry to the UK. NASC supplier members are audited on system scaffold, tube, fittings, timber board and aluminium beam products. From 2015 the audit will incorporate unit transoms and high tensile 3.2mm tube www.nasc.org.uk



CHANGE IS ON THE CARDS

FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE A REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE A CISRS OPERATIVE TRAINING SCHEME (COTS) COURSE AND HOLD A CISRS TRAINEE SCAFFOLDER OR SCAFFOLDING LABOURER CARD FOR A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO ATTENDING PART 1 TRAINING

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NASC launch safety report

NASC has launched its 2015 Safety Report, documenting all accident statistics from its contracting members. The report, which is available to download from the NASC website, compiles all accident data from 2014, submitted by NASC contracting members as part of its membership requirements. The report includes:

- Injuries and fatalities to employees, members of the public and third parties
- Accident causes and types
- Detailed analysis of accidents
- Comparison of HSE/NASC accident statistics
- What the NASC does to support safe scaffolding practice

Although no fatalities were recorded within the membership last year, the total number of accidents increased by nine percent to 105, from 96 in 2013. This however corresponds with a nine percent increase in the total number of member employees, which now stands at 14,988. The report also shows that there were 24 falls from height, with the highest reported fall being from a height of six metres. Nine of the falls were from scaffolds and working platforms, while seven falls were from ladders.

In 2014 41 percent of accidents occurred to operatives aged 21 to 30, followed by 23 percent to to those aged 41 to 50, accounting for 64 percent of all accidents. For the 16 to 40 age group, slips, trips and falls were the highest cause of accidents, with 23 incidents, followed by 16 falls from height, 13 manual handling incidents, and two incidents resulting from falling materials. For those aged over 41 years old, slips, trips and falls were also the major cause of accidents, accounting for 16 incidents. These statistics follow a very similar pattern to those reported in the 2014 NASC Safety Report.

Further analysis shows that the most common injuries suffered were to the feet, toes and ankles, followed by injuries to the hands, fingers and wrists. Multiple injuries to the rest of the body were also documented. The NASC also identified a decrease in the number of incidents related to trainees.

NASC managing director, Robin James said: "Once again, the annual NASC Safety Report has delivered positive numbers for the membership and provided engaging analysis, which can be used to raise standards and levels of safety in the scaffolding and access industry. We will be encouraging members to continue to work towards reducing accident figures."

To receive a copy of the 2015 Safety Report contact NASC directly, or view it online at www.nasc.org.uk/safety_reports





Health & Safety Scotland

On 22-23rd April, the NASC and CISRS will exhibit at the Health & Safety Scotland event and seminar at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow. As well as using the event to highlight the 2015 Safety Report, NASC will actively promote the planned launch of its SG4:15 safety guidance and new safety guidance on slips, trips and falls.

NASC staff will be on hand to discuss membership, auditing, NASC publications and scaffold inspection training, as well as providing live demonstrations of the TG20:13 tube and fitting technical guidance eGuide.

Sharing the stand, the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme

(CISRS) will demonstrate the latest information on Scaffold Inspection Training (SITS) and CISRS Operative Training scaffolding courses, along with information on changes to Part One, Part Two and Advanced scaffolding courses, following the launch of TG20:13 in February.

NASC Managing director, Robin James said: "The confederation is hoping to kick on from successful exhibitions in 2014 at the S&H Expo at ExCeL London, and the Health and Safety North event in Bolton. There is a huge amount of interest in what the organisation is doing, especially in TG20:13. And we expect a similar interest in the 2015 Safety Report, forthcoming SG4:15 safety guidance, and other new and revised publications designed to promote scaffolding best practice. We are looking forward to attracting more Scottish and Northern Irish scaffolding members."

SG4:15 update

In addition to the Safety Report, the NASC Health and Safety Committee has asked members to get in touch regarding any aspects they would like considered in the current review of its core health and safety guidance, SG4. Work is underway on the update, SG4:15, scheduled to be launched in the Autumn. New Slips Trips and Falls guidance and other new and revised safety publications is also scheduled to be launched in 2015.

For more details visit: www.cisrs.org.uk or www.nasc.org.uk



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