



## SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND AUDITS

### *WHY DO I NEED TO DO THEM?*

Safety Inspections and Audits are both vital proactive parts of your health and safety management system and provide you with 2 different sets of information.

They not only give you a benchmark of where you stand in relation to health and safety but provide you with regular evidence of any hazards that are in existence.

**NOTE.** There are still over 80% of SME's, figures from 2010, who are putting the health and safety of their employees at risk by NOT carrying out Safety Inspections or Audits on a regular basis.

### *CAN I DO THEM?*

YES you could **BUT** Safety Inspections should only be carried out by a competent person who has relevant experience and training in health and safety so that they are able to identify any key hazards and risks and who can then assess the likely/possible outcome.

We at CSATS have many years practical experience in carrying out Safety Inspections and along with past and ongoing CPD training meet the definition of being competent so able to act as your competent person.

It is generally accepted that it is preferential for Audits to be carried out by an independent person/company to alleviate the risk of the report being seen to be biased.

In working with you training can be given to a nominated person in your organisation to carry out Safety Inspections or if we are acting as your Competent Person we will carry out these inspections for you taking the worry out of ensuring you are complying with current health and safety regulations.

### *WHEN DO I NEED THEM DONE?*

A Safety Inspection is normally carried out on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, 6 monthly) depending on the type of work you do thus providing a continuous stream of information on key work hazards.

A Safety Audit is normally done on a yearly basis taking in everything that you have in relation to health and safety and checking that it is all actually working/workable thus ensuring you stay compliant with current health and safety regulations.

### *WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?*

Once a Safety Inspection or Safety Audit is carried out it will in turn be benchmarked against The Health and Safety at Work Act and any other related health and safety regulations. Following the Inspection or Audit we will develop and provide you with a full comprehensive report highlighting any and all issues with advice on how to rectify any problems found.

And we at CSATS can provide you further advice or better still, for you, actually get our hands dirty and work with you on any follow on requirements found from doing a Safety Inspection or Audit.

**Effective health and safety management, in part via Safety Inspections, normally identifies issues before an accident occurs thus providing a window of opportunity to take proactive action to make improvements before it does all go wrong.**

If you require further information on how CSATS Health and Safety Consultants can help you in meeting your health and safety requirements please contact us on 07785 580376 or [consultancy@csats.co.uk](mailto:consultancy@csats.co.uk)

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