

IMPLEMENTING THE CODE

Actions

- Action to implement the Code can be taken in a range of ways by everyone involved in the construction process.
- The Code is equally applicable to national organisations and to small businesses.
- Organisations should work towards the vision by setting their own objectives based on their own contributions.
- Organisations and businesses should acknowledge and respect the actions taken by others in response to the Code and should be constructive and cooperative in accommodating them.
- The commitment of small and micro businesses, and the support that they receive from other stakeholders, to improve performance in the way they respect their people is essential in working towards the vision and carrying out the mission.
- Trade associations have a key role in supporting SMEs by developing and promulgating trade specific standards, guidance, tools, and targets that will assist their members.
- At the 2001 Health and Safety Summit, the industry set the following targets:
 - to reduce the incidence rate of fatalities and major injuries by 40% by 2004/05 and by 66% by 2009/10;
 - to reduce the incidence rate of cases of work-related ill health by 20% by 2004/05 and by 50% by 2009/10; and
 - to reduce the number of working days lost per 100,000 workers from work-related ill health by 20% by 2004/05 and by 50% by 2009/10.
- The Constructing Excellence RfP toolkits are helpful. Go to:
<http://www.constructingexcellence.org.uk/resourcecentre/peoplezone>
- More information can be found in the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) Achieving Excellence in Construction Procurement Guide 10 – Health and Safety. Go to
<http://www.ogc.gsi.gov.uk/sdtoolkit/reference.achieving/ae10.pdf>
- All stakeholders should use this Code to establish their own action plans that are appropriate to their business. These should be shared with other stakeholders, regularly monitored and, where necessary, updated.

Business benefits

There are real business benefits to be gained from following good practice in health and safety. Projects that have a good health and safety record are more likely to deliver a quality product, on time and within budget. Accidents cause delays and have a cost. Unsafe disorganised sites rarely deliver quality. Implementing this Code will help bring the benefits about.

Constructing Excellence's demonstration projects show that organisations that adopt RfP and embrace other aspects of best practice have:

- more predictability on cost and time;
- greater productivity than the industry average;
- exemplary site-safety records;
- fewer defects at handover;
- higher customer satisfaction scores;
- a lower impact on the environment.

For more information about demonstration projects go to: <http://www.constructingexcellence.org.uk>