

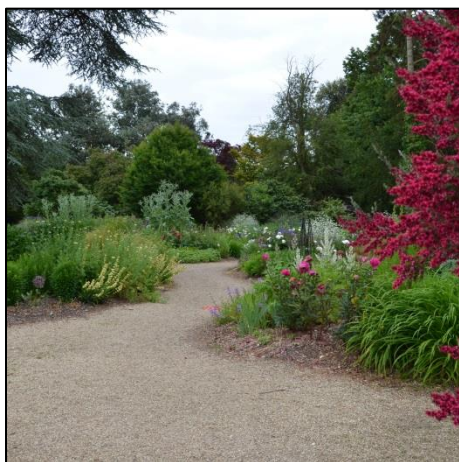
Package H

The Management of Hand Arm Vibration

Introduction

From the early 2000's the issues of Hand Arm Vibration (HAVs) or the associated symptom of white finger has been a major factor in the management of staff workload, procurement of equipment and the general welfare of employees.

At GroundsConsulting we can assist in the management of Hand Arm Vibration at all levels from front line operation practice to an overall strategic management approach, minimising the risk of claim and ensuring most importantly that employees are working in a safe environment.



Since the introduction in 2005 of The Control of Vibration at Work Regulations many employers within the Grounds and Landscaping industry have not managed to successfully meet the requirements of regulations.

This leaves companies vulnerable if an investigation was to be undertaken by the Health and Safety Executive or a legal claim brought by employees, both past and present. There is a need to ensure that they can successfully manage a claim or in the first situation manage the risk of

such a claim being undertaken.

The need for this service has recently been shown in the national press with the prosecution of one of the Defence sectors largest suppliers being prosecuted and fined £20,000 for failing their duty of care to their employees.

Methodology

GroundsConsulting will carry out an inspection of your work place, liaise with key staff and carry out a Hand Arm Vibration audit.



This will examine the following:

- Hand Arm Vibration policy
- Hand Arm Vibration Training
- Vibration testing of equipment
- System for recording employees Hand Arm Vibration exposure
- Risk Assessments
- Machinery maintenance and repair
- Machinery Procurement
- Health Surveillance

Drawing from this audit, we will write a summary report on our findings. This will highlight areas of Hand Arm Vibration non-compliance and give recommendations for corrective actions. In addition, recommendations will also be given for areas of vibration control that require improvement.

Additional Services

The team have many years operational experience in the delivery of the management of vibration and can offer additional bespoke services to compliment this package.

These include:

- Develop a Hand Arm Vibration policy
- Measuring the vibration levels of equipment
- Production of health assessment questionnaires
- Production of a procurement list for equipment
- Specific vibration use tagging and machinery management
- Site specific risk assessments based on Hand Arm Vibration management
- Hand Arm Vibration training for managers, supervisors and employees.



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