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Highway Working Risk Management Services

Introduction

Whether carrying out tasks such as litter picking along dual carriageways, rural and busy urban highways, grass cutting on central reservations or maintaining floral displays on roundabouts, grounds maintenance and street scene workers are increasingly at risk of injury by working on or adjacent to highways.

Health, safety and wellbeing at work is a primary and collective responsibility. Employers are required, so far as is reasonably practicable, to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all employees and other persons affected by their activities.

Councils' have a duty of care to ensure that employees are kept safe at work and that adequate health and safety actions have been carried out. Working on highways or high speed roads requires compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 and other relevant legislation or guidance, such as the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual (Chapter 8).



In order to protect workers and meet current legislation Councils' should develop Highways Site Specific Risk Assessments for employees working on or adjacent to the highway. These risk assessments will cover a range of day to day grounds maintenance operations such as grass cutting, hedge cutting, weed spraying, litter picking, road sweeping, maintenance of floral displays and tree & shrub planting. The purpose of these assessments is to identify risk and to propose mitigations specific to each route for working on the highway.

As qualified Health and Safety professionals, GroundsConsulting are ideally placed to develop these risk assessments for you. Our team can offer a range of services



that are aimed specifically towards local authority grounds maintenance and Street Scene provision, assess your specific needs and tailor solutions for your highway working.

Methodology

GroundsConsulting will review in conjunction with yourselves the current role of the grounds maintenance or street scene team in order that the package can be tailored specifically to meet your needs. We will look at the responsibilities of your in-house team, identifying key tasks and operations such as grass cutting, hedge cutting, shrub bed maintenance, weed spraying and maintenance of floral displays.



We will review how you currently assess risk on your roads, looking at any existing risk assessments, safe systems of works and procedures relating to highways works. Details of work routes and maps will be reviewed, along with previous highways near misses or accidents.

Our team will survey your highways, driving all identified routes to assess hazards and risks such as blind bends and encroaching vegetation. These findings will be translated into draft risk assessments, enabling us to return to you

organisation to review them with your team in order to discuss our findings and to develop them further.

A full copy of each Risk Assessment will be provided. Each route will have an accompanying map highlighting key hazards and accompanying photographs. In addition each highway will have its route digitally recorded for future reference and training.

Additional Information

Where services are a combined delivery option of Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing, Grounds Consulting has the unique advantage of providing an integrated project team, which can share expertise and professional experience to produce the required outcomes of the project.

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