

Safety in Design

Learning Aims & Standards of Competence

Ownership, Leadership, Partnership

Designers have a significant contribution to make as part of the team working to create a world class industry with exemplary working conditions, by designing out hazards and communicating effectively with the other members of the project team.

Designers' unique skills of foresight and vision can further change the culture of our industry and improve conditions for everyone throughout the lifecycle of any structure.

Good health and safety design and management is an essential element of professional design practice, as it adds value and promotes the effective management of all project risks. Technical skills must be supported by an understanding of the implications of design decisions upon the health and safety of people whether during construction, use, maintenance, refurbishment or demolition.

This SiD-CIC project to develop Learning Aims (a knowledge set) and Standards of Competence has been a unique one by the industry for the industry. It was funded by ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council for the construction industry. Produced in partnership with industry professionals, academia, institutions and enforcers, it creates for the first time an informed guide to the full range of key construction Health & Safety and related topics.

We commend both the Aims and Standards to the construction community and all its stakeholders.

We challenge them:

- to raise or continue to raise their expectations
- to contribute through a range of opportunities to SiD, which itself underpins the Respect for People Health and Safety Mission and the effective design and construction of the built environment.



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