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Training provides to



Demolition Works – Safety is King!

- Inner City demolition is challenging, difficult and can be labour intensive.
- But does it mean that accidents are unavoidable?
- Certainly not!
- All accidents are preventable and zero accidents and incidents should be achieved and not a goal.

Why do we have accidents!

- Untrained labour
- Untrained management
- Poor planning
- Wrong equipment

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Moor Park School

- 14 August 2007 at Moor Park School, UK
- No trained supervisor appointed
- No competent contractor appointed
- Demolition by untrained workforce
- No method statement in place
- No risk assessment in place

Moor Park School

- Untrained labour, working without a risk assessment and without a method is a recipe for disaster.
- And that is what they got!
- One man killed and four others seriously hurt and traumatised for life.

Moor Park School

- So what went wrong on the day?



Moor Park School

- Mr Evans and four other workers **removed integral building supports** from inside the classroom, which caused the roof to collapse. The roof, which weighed 2.4 tonnes, fell on top of Mr Evans and he died at the scene as a result of asphyxiation.
- The HSE's investigation identified that they had failed to put an effective plan in place to safely remove the supports, and the labourers he had contracted to do the work had no training or experience in how to carry out the work.

Prevention of these accidents

- Use trained operatives for **ALL** tasks, including cleaning up.
- Use a “Buddy system” that puts a trained worker with a new worker for the first 3 months.
- Morning task briefings so everyone knows their job for that day.
- End of shift handover talks to discuss any uncompleted tasks.

Training for all – keep it simple and relevant!

- Don't try and “overtrain”.
- Accept that some people have a low level of retention of knowledge so train accordingly.

Teamwork Pays Off!

- Remember – not everyone in a hospital is a brain surgeon, or needs to be. Persons doing other jobs contribute to the team.
- Select workers for how their skills will fit into the gang and how the gang skills will develop that worker.
- Make everyone feel part of a winning team.
- C&D have worked with Erith and NDTG to develop training that works.

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- Use different media to emphasise key pointed
- Remember that You tube and Facebook are part of everyday life for the workforce
- Use short, to the point, toolbox talks

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We can do this!

- Train the workers!
- Train the managers!
- Select the right equipment!
- Check & then check again!
- **SAFETY IS KING!**

ANY QUESTIONS?

- Thank you and have a safe journey home
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