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## NEW HSE CAMPAIGN OCT 2019

AGA have been advised that in addition to the current HSE targeted campaign relating to dust a new, October 2019 campaign, will focus on **material handling**. All HSE inspectors have been instructed, where breaches are identified, to **'track back'** to the design team specifically the Principal Designer to ensure all designers are giving full consideration to risks likely to affect health of construction workers.

If you would like anymore information on this or any other campaign, please do let us know.



**MHRA**  
Regulating Medicines and Medical Devices

## DEFIBRILLATOR ALERT

This is to inform owners of Defibrillators, a Safety Alert has been issued by the Medicines Healthcare Regulatory Agency regarding Telefunken automatic external defibrillators, pads and batteries.

These defibrillators, pads and batteries are no longer certified for use in the UK. If you have one in your workplace please act immediately on the instructions provided by the MHRA.

Manufactured by Defiteq International BV or GGT Holding BV – the safety and performance of these devices cannot be verified and their safe use can no longer be assured.



**Temporary Works  
forum**

Promoting best practice in  
the construction industry.

## TEMPORARY WORKS DOWNLOAD

NEW GUIDANCE AVAILABLE FREE TO DOWNLOAD ON

**THE SAFE MANAGEMENT OF TEMPORARY WORKS - THE  
BASICS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES  
(SMES)**

Aimed at SME sized clients, designers and contractors, it is based around the requirements of the CDM 2015 Regulations and BS5975: 2019 covering procedures for the management of temporary works.

# GOVERNMENT GRENFELL CRITICISM

## UK GOVERNMENT CRITICISED OVER SLOW PACE OF REMEDIAL WORKS AFTER GRENFELL

In a report published yesterday, the Housing, Communities and Local Government (HCLG) Committee also accused the government of being “far too slow” to reform the building and fire safety regime, more than two years after the Grenfell Tower fire in west London.

It said the initial urgency for safety reforms after 72 people were killed in the blaze in June 2017 “appears to have been lost” and progress with combustible cladding removal is “limited”.

According to government figures from June, unsafe aluminium composite material (ACM), like that used to clad the Grenfell Tower, still remains on 327 high-rise residential and publicly owned buildings in England, which are unlikely to meet the building regulations. Just one building underwent rectification works that month.

Ministers have committed £600m of funding to remove ACM cladding but not other potentially dangerous systems, such as high-pressure laminate (HPL) cladding, which are also combustible.

Clive Betts MP, chair of the HCLG Committee, said: “Further delay is simply not acceptable. The government cannot morally justify funding the replacement of one form of dangerous cladding, but not others. It should immediately extend its fund to

cover the removal and replacement of any form of combustible cladding – as defined by the government’s combustible cladding ban – from any high-rise or high-risk building.”

The report recommended that the government “should set a realistic, but short, deadline by which time all buildings with any form of dangerous cladding should be fully remediated”. It added that “sanctions should follow for building owners who fail to make their buildings safe within a reasonable time frame”.



# CONSTRUCTION FIRMS FINED AFTER FALL

A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND TWO ROOFING CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PAY ALMOST £400,000 IN FINES AND COSTS AFTER THE DIRECTOR OF ONE OF THE FIRMS FELL 11M WHEN HE WAS BLOWN OFF A ROOF DURING STORM DORIS IN 2017



Bowmer and Kirkland, Advanced Roofing and JKW Roofing Services were working on a new three-storey teaching block at Abbotsfield School for Boys in Hillingdon, west London, when the accident happened on 23 February 2017.

Westminster Magistrates' Court was told that, because of 94 mph winds, there were several warnings on site and many activities had been suspended.

However, the roof works continued until early that afternoon, when the director of

JKW Roofing, John Whitham, was blown off the roof along with freestanding A-frame barriers and stacks of insulation. The 52-year-old sustained severe injuries to his pelvis, back and leg.

Bowmer and Kirkland was the principal contractor. The roofing works were contracted to Advanced Roofing, which subcontracted some of the works on the main building to JKW Roofing.

An investigation carried out by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found all three companies had failed to properly assess the risk of high winds during work at height.

It said they had taken an "informal approach to assessing weather conditions which was not in line with industry standards".

Bowmer and Kirkland pleaded guilty to breaching reg 4(3) of the Work at Height Regulations. It was fined £350,000 and ordered to pay £6,190 in costs.

Advanced Roofing was handed a £29,300 fine plus £6,188 costs after it admitted breaching reg 4(3) of the same regulations.

JKW Roofing, which pleaded guilty to the same breach, was handed a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £6,160 in costs.

HSE inspector Gabriella Dimitrov said: "If a suitable safe system of work had been in place prior to the incident, the life-changing injuries sustained by Mr Whitham could have been prevented."

## TOO MUCH BLUE TAPE?

THE HSE HAS PUBLISHED A REPORT ANALYSING HOW BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES ('BLUE TAPE') IMPACT DUTYHOLDERS

Health and safety 'rules' are obligations imposed by businesses or business intermediary organisations, not by Government. HSE has been exploring perceptions of these rules and their effects both on businesses and the health and safety system more widely.

Of particular interest to smaller construction employers, the report addresses the impacts that conformity assessment schemes can have and discusses what can be done to make their effects more proportionate.

The report also discusses other potentially disproportionate 'requirements' from businesses that don't take account of the size and lower management complexity of smaller firms including contractor requirements for suppliers to have certification to management system standards like ISO 45001 and the role of consultants, auditors, insurers and the civil claims system.



# NEBOSH DIPLOMA GRADUATE

OUR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ANNA PLATER, IS PROUD TO HAVE ACHIEVED HER NEBOSH DIPLOMA



The NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety has become established as the most popular and highly respected qualification of its kind.

Thorough but achievable, the qualification is designed by health and safety professionals to meet the needs of the modern workplace. It is a university degree-level qualification, offering a route to Masters-level study. It is a qualification to be proud of.

The qualification covers the practical skills that are essential to health and safety professionals. It assesses learners' ability to apply their skills and knowledge and deliver positive change throughout the workplace.

Congratulations Anna!

## SUMMER TEAM BUILDING DAY

AGA ATTENDED THEIR ANNUAL SUMMER TEAM BUILDING DAY AT ASCOT RACECOURSE



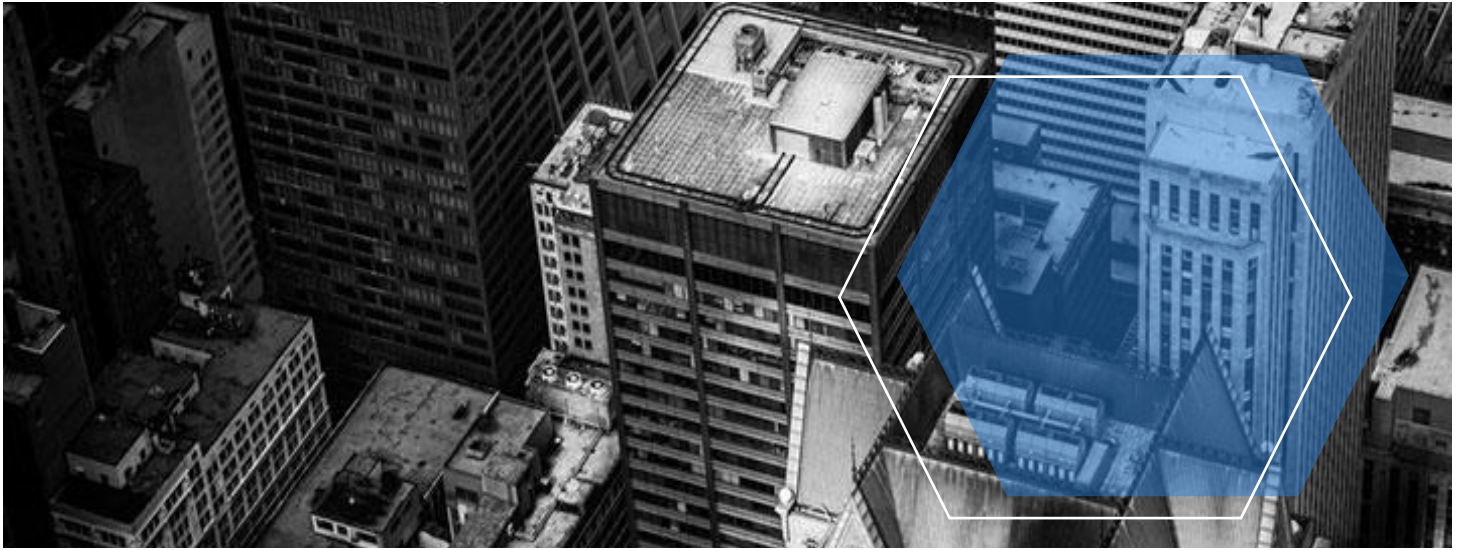
As is the AGA tradition, we all got dressed up in our finest outfits and headed to The Property Race Day 2019.

The Property Race Day is now celebrating its thirteenth year, having raised over £2.25 million for children's charities. Beneficiaries to date include; SOS Children's Villages, Hope & Homes, LandAid, Starlight, Daktari Bush School, Plan UK, Project Hope UK, The Children's Trust, WellChild, Sebastian's Action Trust and Pepo La Tumaini. The day has quickly established itself as a key date in the property calendar.

Team building and specially planned activities not only boost morale of employees, but it can also increase the success of your business. Here are a few reasons why team building is important in the workplace:

1. Facilitates better communication – Activities that create discussion enable open communication among employees, and between employees and management. This can improve office relationships and in turn, the quality of work done.
2. Motivates employees – Team leadership and team building go hand in hand. The more comfortable your employees are to express their ideas and opinions, the more confident they will become. This will motivate them to take on new challenges.
3. Breaks the barrier – Team building increases the trust factor with your employees. Often in corporate settings there is a disconnect between the leadership team and employees because the employees sense too large of a gap between the two. Team building exercises give leadership the opportunity to be seen as a colleague rather than a boss, which can do wonders for employee morale.

Overall, team building in the workplace enables better communication, better relationships and ultimately increases productivity.



## E-LEARNING

[CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR WHOLE RANGE OF NEW ONLINE COURSES](#)

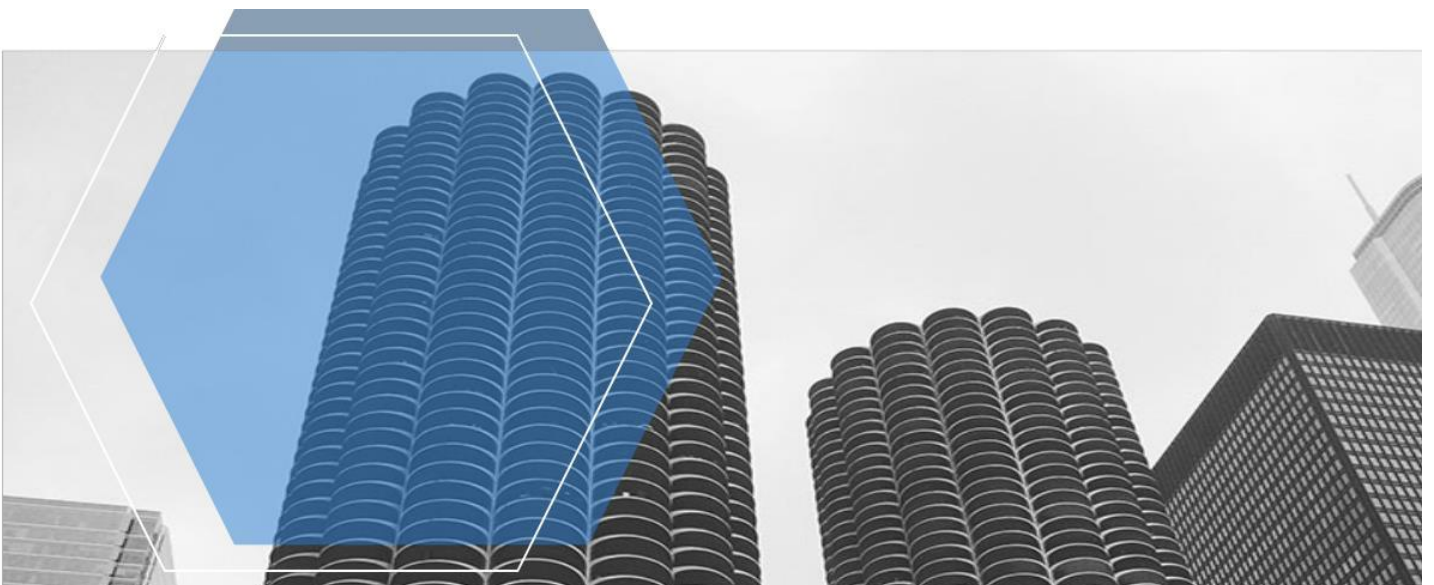
Whether you're looking to improve your own knowledge, or provide training to employees, AGA Ltd.'s new e-Learning portal will allow you to book easy to follow e-learning courses in a number of areas. Each course is followed by a short test to clarify your understanding regarding that topic, which after successful completion, you will be issued with a certificate. Get up to date, specialist training in Control of Substances Hazardous to Health, Fall Prevention, the Construction Design & Management Regulations 2015, Risk Assessments Manual Handling, Fire Safety and many more.

## FREE CDM ADVICE

[CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL](#)

Do you need help understanding the CDM Regulations 2015? Not sure if you are complying with your duties correctly? We offer a free CPD consultation to keep you up to date. One of our experienced CDM Consultants will attend your offices or a location of your choosing and provide up to the minute, competent advice. We cover everything from Duty Holders to Design Risk Management and welcome any questions or scenarios you need help with.

Please get in touch if this would be of interest to you.





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