



NASC - Supervisor Competence in Scaffolding

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The UK Contractors Group (UKCG) have recently published some general guidance for the expected level of competence to be in place for persons in an active supervisory role on construction sites upon which their members have a principal contractors role from January 2010.

A copy of the guidance is available at;

http://www.ukcg.org.uk/fileadmin/documents/UKCG/Health_Safety_News/Supervisor_Training_Standards_SR_version_Sept09.pdf

The guidance outlines a syllabus which includes the basic fundamental aspects of health and safety within the construction related work place and the guide goes on to say that attendance of any such course to deliver the syllabus must be of at least two days duration.

The guidance also states that supervisors will need to demonstrate having attended training which includes an understanding of behavioural issues, leadership and effective intervention skills. This training must include delivering effective presentations (e.g. tool box talks), role-play, have a form of testing and successful candidates must be issued with a certificate to demonstrate a suitable standard has been achieved.

The NASC would like to inform members that there are several courses commercially available that meet the criteria and also confirm that the established 5 day CISRS Supervisors Course meets all of the above requirements fully for member's employees that have already attended this training or plan to in the future.

The details of the CISRS Supervisors Course can be found within current CAP609 Guidance, available at;

http://www.cisrs.org.uk/CISRS_General_Information.htm

The NASC would also like to clarify the role of a Supervisor as one of a person or persons that hold a non working or visiting role to the site(s) where scaffold operatives are working and to ensure aspects of safe working and quality control.

A supervisor's role is not regarded as being one of a charge hand (or leading hand) that simply acts as the senior tradesman of any scaffold gang.