

## **PLANT OPERATOR POLICY**

Your health, safety and welfare at work are protected by law.

Cork Scaffolding (CSC) Ltd has a duty to protect you and keep you informed about health and safety and provide adequate information, instruction, training and supervision to enable you to carry out your work in a safe manner.

Your legal duties are as follows:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and of others who may be affected by your work such as other workers or members of the public.
- Comply with instructions or control measures such as the wearing of personal protective equipment.
- Co-operate with your employer on health and safety and training requirements.
- Correctly use and report any defects on work equipment provided by your employer this could be machinery, tools or personal protective equipment
- Do not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

Self-employed persons also have duties under the law in relation to their own Health and Safety and ensure that their work does not put others at risk.

If you think there is a health and safety problem on your site you should first discuss it with your supervisor, H & S adviser, or person in charge.

## **Legal Requirements in relation to Plant**

Several pieces of legislation apply when it comes to the use of plant, and employers and operators need to be aware of the relevant legislation.

- To operate plant in an efficient and safe manner as required in compliance with relevant laws, standards, company policy and having regard for the safety of the public, road users and other employees.
- Traffic control devices are erected prior to machinery moving onto sites and ensure that they are maintained appropriately during all construction and maintenance operations.
- All work health and safety requirements are met including completion of risk assessments and working within safe work procedures. Use of necessary safety PPE for the performance of various duties (e.g., hard hat, ear plugs, safety glasses etc).
- Report any occurrence of accident or injury on the job immediately when it occurs and assist in completion of the required paperwork and submit to immediate supervisor.

- Problems with the operation of plant are reported to the Plant and Depot Coordinator when they occur to enable plant to be repaired before major failures occur.

## **PRE-TASK PLANNING FOR PLANT OPERATION**

All operations on construction sites should be planned to ensure that they are carried out safely and that all foreseeable risks have been considered. Poor planning is one of the major causes of accidents arising from the use of construction plant.

The employer should ensure that they identify a person who is competent to undertake the planning and give them that duty. The planning process should identify the task to be undertaken, identify the hazards associated with that task, carry out a risk assessment, identify control measures, develop the method to be used, record the planning in a method statement, communicate the plan to all those involved in the task and review the plan before the job starts.

Where cranes are lifting suspended loads, additional planning is required by a person competent to undertake the task, the "Competent Person"

Additional planning is also required for other non-standard lifting operations such as unusual loads, excessive wind conditions, within confined spaces and in tight areas where contact with other structures could be hazardous.

This policy will be reviewed periodically.