



PEAKWAY CONSTRUCTION GROUP

CORE CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING CONTRACTOR SAFETY,

Peakway Construction Group has developed the following core criteria based on the key requirements in the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations and are included in the Approved Code of Practice to CDM 2007.

These core criteria state clearly what contractors should be doing to meet our basic health and safety requirements. These guidelines are supported by key industry players such as the Construction Confederation, the Major Contractors' Group and the 'CHAS' assessment scheme.

Peakway Construction Group emphasises the importance that it will place of using 'judgement' when deciding whether or not the evidence submitted meets the standards of the core criteria which will be balanced against the level, frequency and work activities involved.



‘CORE CRITERIA’ FOR ASSESSING CONTRACTORS’ BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CAPABILITIES

In order to satisfy our health and safety requirements please answer the following questions by placing a tick in the relevant box. You may be asked subsequently to provide proof of your answer by submitting supporting documentation.

To support this application for approved/preferred contractor status we do require as an absolute minimum, **a copy of your signed and dated ‘Health and Safety Policy Statement’** (only applicable to those who employ five or more), if you employ less than five please advise us accordingly as failure to submit this statement will result in your application for approved/preferred contractor status being turned down.

INSERT THE NAME OF YOUR COMPANY:

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	YES	NO
Are you CHAS accredited?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you enclosing a copy of your CHAS certificate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	CORE CRITERIA	STANDARD REQUIRED	YES	NO
1	H&S policy and organisation (only required if you employ five or more)	Do you have, and implement an appropriate policy, regularly reviewed, and signed by the MD or equivalent. The policy should be relevant to the nature and scale of the work and set out responsibilities for health and safety (H&S) management at all levels in the company?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Arrangements for ensuring H&S measures	Do you have arrangements for H&S management and is it relevant to the nature and scale of the work? They should set out how the company will discharge duties under CDM 2007 and other relevant H&S legislation, with a clear indication of how these arrangements are communicated to the workforce.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Competent advice – company and construction / sector related	Do the company and its employees have ready access to competent H&S advice? The advisors must be able to provide general H&S advice, and advice relating to H&S issues on site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Training and information	Do you have in place, and implement, training arrangements to ensure employees have sufficient skills and understanding to discharge their various duties? This should include a programme of refresher training that will keep employees updated on legislation and good H&S practice. This applies throughout the company from top management to trainees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Individual qualifications and experience	Have your employees the appropriate qualifications and experience for the assigned tasks, unless they are under controlled and competent supervision?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Monitoring, auditing and review	Is there a system in place for monitoring procedures, for auditing them at periodic intervals, and for reviewing them on an on-going basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



7	Workforce involvement	Do you have, and implement, an established means of consulting with the workforce on H&S?		
8	Accident reporting and enforcement action; follow up investigation	Are records of all RIDDOR-reportable events kept for at least three years, and is there a system for reviewing other incidents in place and recording the action taken as a result?		
9	Enforcement actions	Has any enforcement action been taken against your company within the last five years, and if so what action has been taken to remedy any enforcement related issues?		
10	Sub-contracting / consulting procedures (if applicable)	Do you use sub-contractors and if so do you have a system to check competencies?		
11	Risk assessment and method statements	Are procedures in place for carrying out risk assessments and method statement, including occupational health issues if applicable?		
12	Co-operating and co-ordinating work activities with other site workers	If necessary can you illustrate how co-operation and co-ordination of the work is achieved in practice, and how others are involved in drawing up method statements / safe systems of work?		

To be completed by the person responsible for your health and safety.

NAME		DATE	
POSITION		SIGNATURE	