

Contractor Safety



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Introduction



- Essential Health and Safety requirements for PSCS / Contractors working on a building / renovation project.

March 2025 fines



€450,000 – Worker killed – Driver of the machine could not see the worker



€400,000 - Fatal Crush Injury - Electrical Contractor crushed under switch gear weighing 772kgs



€125,000 - Nonfatal injuries – Fall from height - Maintenance on a shed.

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- # Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 291 of 2013)

These regulations outline the main requirements for ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of individuals working on construction sites.

They also implement Council Directive 92/57/EEC on the minimum safety and health requirements at temporary or mobile construction sites.

The regulations cover various aspects, including:

- **General duties** of clients, project supervisors, designers, contractors, and employees
- **Safety and health plans** and files
- **Site safety** provisions, such as emergency routes, protective equipment, and prevention of electrocution

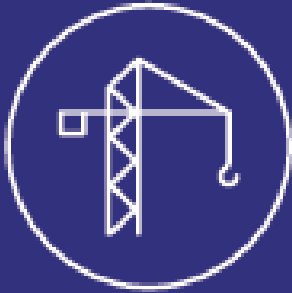
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, clients have several key duties to ensure the safety and health of construction projects

1. **Employing competent designers and contractors** to carry out the work.
2. **Appointing a Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP)** in writing before design work starts.
3. **Appointing a Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage (PSCS)** in writing before construction work starts.
4. **Ensuring the preparation of a Safety and Health Plan** before construction begins.
5. **Maintaining a Safety File** for the project.
6. **Notifying the Health and Safety Authority (HSA)** of the project.

These duties are designed to ensure that construction projects are managed safely and effectively from start to finish.



Client



**Construction
Work**



**Project
Supervisor
Design Stage
(PSDP)**



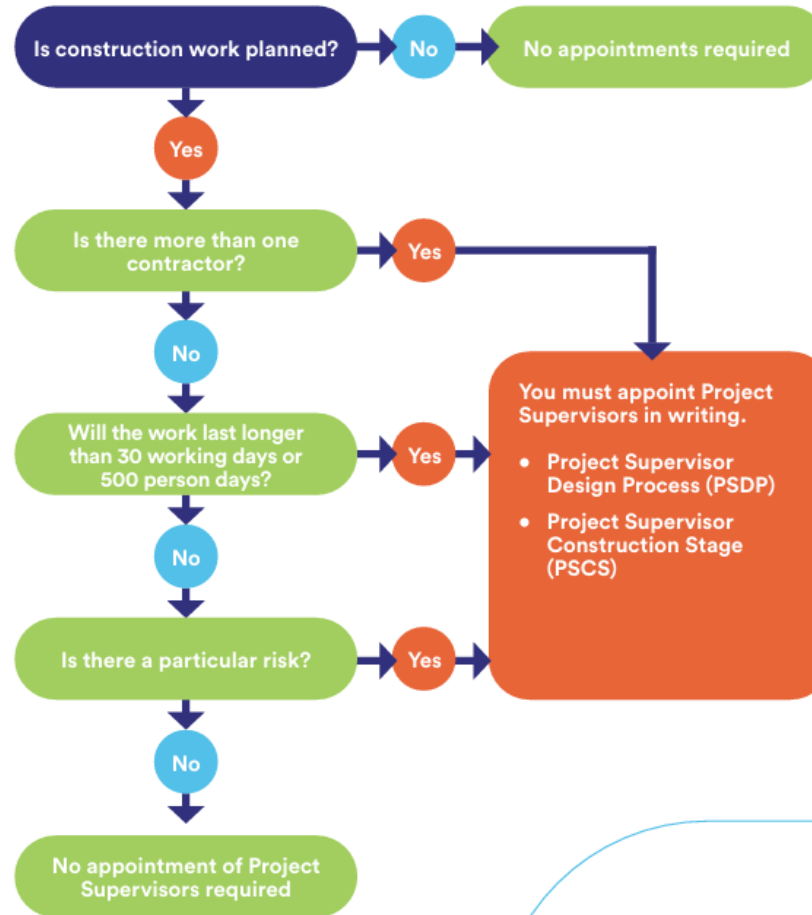
**Project
Supervisor
Construction
Stage (PSCS)**



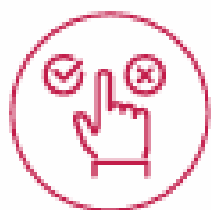
**Particular
Risks**



Appointments Flow Chart



Easy 3 Step Process



Step 1

Decide

If you need to make written appointments for construction work that will be happening on your farm.



Step 2

**Assess the PSDP
and PSCS**

(Project Supervisor Design
Process and Project Supervisor
Construction Stage)



Step 3

Appoint in Writing

Project Supervisor Design
Process and Project Supervisor
Construction Stage

Duties of the PSCS

**1. Safety and
Health Plan**

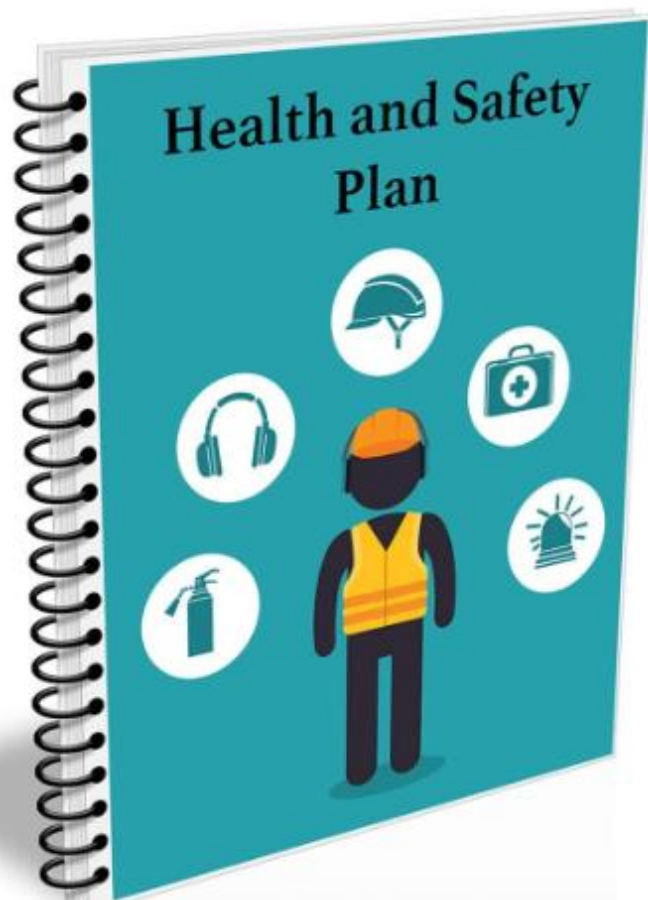
**2. Coordination
and
Compliance**

**3. Contractor
Cooperation**

**4. Notification
and
Documentation**

**5. Worker
Safety**

Health and Safety Planning



Notify HSA: Notify the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) before work commences, if applicable.



Maintain Safety File: Ensure the Safety File is maintained and updated throughout the project.



Develop and Update: Create and regularly update the Construction Stage Safety and Health Plan



Implement Regulations: Ensure the implementation of the Construction Regulations on site



Monitor Compliance: Check safe work procedures and monitor compliance with safety standards



Organise Cooperation: Facilitate cooperation among contractors to ensure safety and health measures are followed.

Worker Safety

- Contractor Qualifications, Training & Experience
 - Verify experience on similar projects



Risk Assessment & Planning



Risk Assessment

Severity	Disaster	High	Medium	Minimal
Probability				
Regularly	Critical	Critical	High	Medium
Probable	Critical	High	Medium	Medium
Occasional	Critical	High	Medium	Low
	High	Medium	Medium	Lo

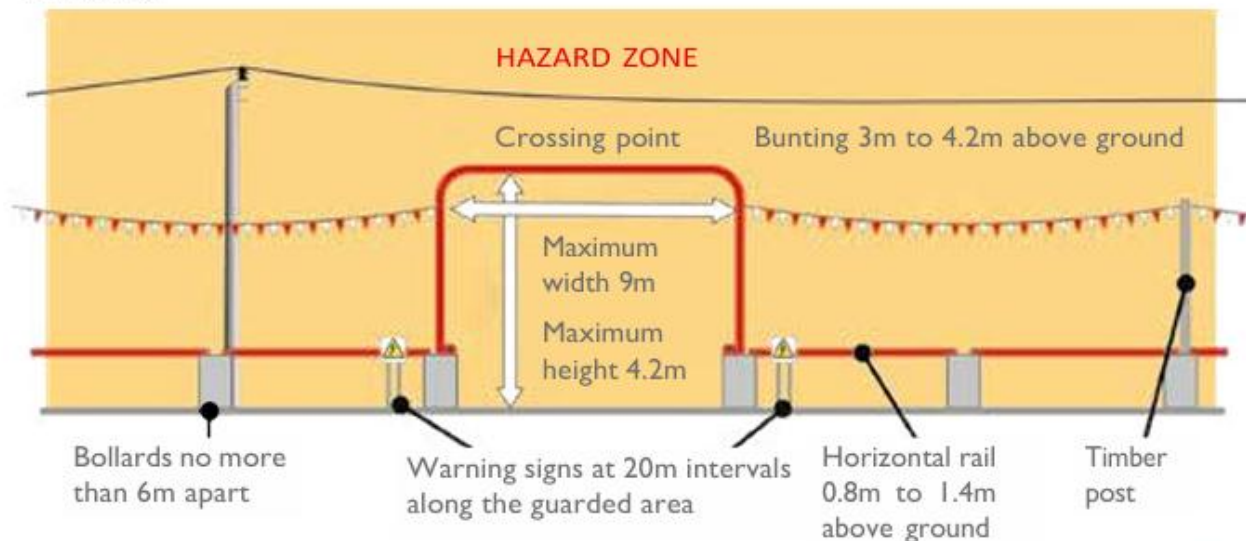
Particular Risks

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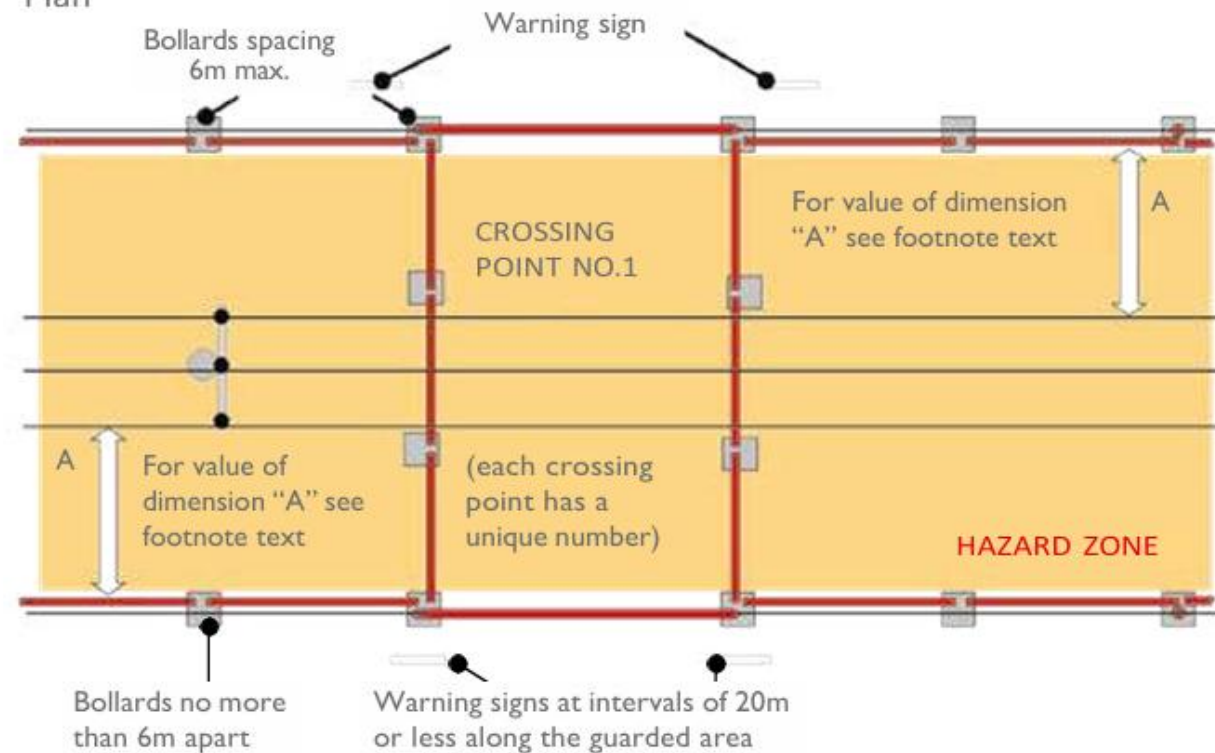
- Working at heights
- Overhead lines
- Underground services
- Burial under earth fall
- Risk of drowning
- Heavy Components - Tanks, Slats, Steel Erection.
- Asbestos Removal
- Work near Livestock / Adjacent operations



Elevation



Plan



Emergency Preparedness



Communication



Duties of Contractors



1. General Responsibilities

- **Identify and Eliminate Hazards:** Contractors must identify potential hazards and take steps to eliminate or reduce risks during construction.
- **Work Safely:** Ensure all work is carried out in a safe manner to protect workers, clients, and the public[.

2. Employee Safety

- **Provide Training:** Ensure employees have safety awareness and construction skills cards where required.
- **Site-Specific Induction:** Provide site-specific induction to all employees.

3. Compliance and Cooperation

- **Monitor Compliance:** Regularly monitor compliance with safety regulations and take corrective actions when necessary.
- **Cooperate with Project Supervisors:** Work closely with the Project Supervisor for the Construction Stage (PSCS) and provide necessary information.

4. Documentation and Reporting

- **Safety Statements:** Provide relevant extracts of the safety statement to the PSCS.
- **Accident Reporting:** Report accidents to the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) and the PSCS if an employee is unable to work for more than three days.

5. Site Safety

- **Comply with Site Rules:** Ensure compliance with site rules and the safety and health plan.
- **Appoint Safety Officers:** Appoint a safety officer if there are more than 20 workers on site or 30 employees

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