



# NORTHERN COUNTIES SAFETY GROUP LIMITED

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### Head Protection and The Tower Crane Regulations Revoked

The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Repeals, Revocations and Amendments) Regulations 2013 came into force in April 2013.



These Regulations remove thirteen measures that have “either been overtaken by more up to date Regulations, are redundant or do not deliver the intended benefits”. The measures removed which may affect our members include:

### Construction (Head Protection) Regulations 1989 (revoked)

The Construction (Head Protection) Regulations have been revoked and the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulations 1992 amended so that they apply to the provision and use of head protection on construction sites as well as to other forms of PPE.

HSE stress that although the regulations have changed, the level of legal protection has not. Head protection remains vital in protecting construction workers from head injuries. The necessity for safety helmets on construction sites remains and employers do not need to do anything differently to comply with the law.

### Notification of Conventional Tower Crane Regulations 2010 (revoked)



HSE believe that revocation of the Notification of Conventional Tower Crane Regulations 2010 (including closure of the Tower Crane Register) will reduce the regulatory burden placed on the construction industry without reducing safety standards for workers and the public.

The regulator will “continue working with industry to improve tower crane safety standards, including work to find a way in which the industry can continue to reassure the public about tower crane safety. For more information, please contact NCSG Office or consult with your Advisor

### NCSG Launch Temporary Works Co-ordinator Course

NCSG have launched a Temporary Works Co-ordinators course for June 2013

Temporary Works are defined in BS 5975 as an ‘engineered solution’ used to;

- Support or protect an existing structure or the permanent works
- Support an item of plant or equipment (*jacks, acrows*) etc.
- Support an excavation (*shoring, trench boxes*) etc.
- Provide access and scaffolding (*temporary staircases, edge protection*)

All Principal Contractors need a Temporary Works Co-ordinator.

**Don't Forget, NCSG can also assist you with your pre-qualification questionnaires, scaffold designs, noise and vibration measurements, asbestos management etc.**

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