

“Bringing together clients and contractors working to ensure health and safety risks are minimised”.

The scheme assesses your health and safety arrangements. Clients recognise the scheme and accept your **SAFEcontractor** certificate as confirmation of competency.

You only need to be assessed once, not by every client and prospect.



The contractor accreditation scheme for business

SAFEcontractor is rapidly expanding with over 9,000 contractors and is expected to reach 20,000 in 4 years. Both clients and contractors benefit from the scheme. As well as the clear health and safety advantages, the scheme provides other genuine benefits, including:-

Insurance

The **SAFEcontractor** insurance scheme is operated by Specialist Brokers to provide liability insurance to members and accredited contractors at preferential rates. The premiums are discounted to reflect your risk management controls as shown through **SAFEcontractor**. For example, one fire protection installation contractor saved £5,500 on their renewal premium through **SAFEcontractor**.

Responseline

Free access to our 24 hour health and safety advice line. This is run by National Britannia for prestigious and professional clients.

More business

On accreditation you will be added to our web based database as an accredited member of **SAFEcontractor**. This is freely accessible to clients when searching for new contractors. This is free of charge and could generate new contracts for you with major clients.

Improved health and safety management

In addition to **Responseline**, we will keep you up to date with health and safety legislation in our bi-monthly newsletter Safety Express written by ROSPA, as well as emailed updates on legislation. As a result of continued support, we can assist you in achieving genuine improvement in your health and safety arrangements.

Employment and commercial law

Obtain free legal advice on any employment or commercial law issue, from dismissal to discrimination, contracts to confidentiality agreements. This will minimise the financial costs of disputes, saving £200-400 per hour (typical legal fee).

Special help for small businesses

We offer assistance to all businesses with less than 5 employees by providing examples of health and safety policy statements, and offering practical straight forward advice.

Marketing

Once accredited, you may advertise your business as one that takes health and safety seriously. We provide promotional material such as vehicle stickers and logos to help with marketing as well as a proforma press release, which is a step-by-step guide to help you advertise in newspapers and journals.

Yellow Pages

Our alliance with Yellow Pages allows corporate advertising at preferential rates for your business as a **SAFEcontractor**.



Just two of our many endorsements...

I would recommend anybody joining the **SAFEcontractor** scheme as it really does ensure a smooth working experience.

Secondly, our work rate has risen by about 30% since being **SAFEcontractor** approved, as clients appreciate a third party approval. This in turn has increased our profits and annual turnover.

It really improves our type of business, as clients, tenants and anyone else who uses our services are assured that they will receive a high level of safety in our work.

Office Manager

Crystal Maintenance & Cleaning

We have found "**SAFEcontractor Accreditation**" extremely useful in the promotion of our business. Many exciting prospective customers have been reassured by the fact we can demonstrate our commitment to health & safety through assessment by a recognised external body and I'm sure that this has played a big part in securing maintenance and project orders. We will certainly be renewing our accreditation this year and will be using **SAFEcontractor** logo stickers on all of our vehicles.

Operations Director

Boldgate Ltd



Why it is necessary

Every organisation has a legal obligation to ensure that contractors visiting their premises operate in a safe way. Therefore, there is a need to assess arrangements, and increasingly this is being done through **SAFEcontractor**.

Many large organisations now use **SAFEcontractor** as their primary means of selecting contractors to work on their premises. **SAFEcontractor** is effectively the clients approved contractor list.

SAFEcontractor manages the clients individual lists and updates daily those who are accredited and those who are not. This central web database is used by clients to select suitable contractors to work on their premises, as well as by contractors searching for other accredited **SAFEcontractor**.

www.safecontractor.com

Who Runs it?

SAFEcontractor is operated by **National Britannia** - one of the country's leading safety, health and environmental risk management organisations.

National Britannia

- Operates the Infoline information centre on behalf of the **Health & Safety Executive** (HSE), processing over 300,000 enquiries per annum
- Operates the Incident Contact Centre on behalf of the HSE, processing every reportable accident in the UK
- Provides consultancy services across a broad range of specialist disciplines, including health & safety, food safety, occupational health, asbestos and environmental management
- Employ over 300 leading fully qualified technical specialists

The Accreditation Process

1. Register with **SAFEcontractor**
2. Complete a health and safety questionnaire
3. Application is assessed by a qualified health & safety auditor. This involves a desktop audit, no site visit is required unless client specifies
4. Accreditation is awarded upon proven compliance with our charter standards
5. Certificate is issued upon accreditation
6. Listing as approved contractor on www.safecontractor.com
7. Annual review

Continued Support

Throughout your audit process, we will be offering you continued support and assistance, including:

- Direct phone number to the delegated auditor who is dealing with your application
- Guidance notes on a variety of health and safety subjects
- **ResponseLine's** health and safety information centre to answer technical questions
- Telephone support to assist with the development of safety policies, risk assessments etc
- Concise reports with clear recommendations

For further information please telephone one of our advisors on:

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