

Unit 101 Health and safety

This unit is designed to give learners a sound introduction to the health and safety laws within the construction industry. Pupils will be introduced to the health and safety executive and other regulatory bodies such as COSHH, RIDDOR, PUWER and know what these regulations cover within the industry. Pupils will learn the importance of health and safety and be able to recognise the main regulations and how these affect both the employer and the employee.

This unit is essential learning and mandatory to be able to complete the construction qualification successfully.

Essential skills

Within this unit pupils will be taught a range of different outcomes:

- know the importance of health and safety in the construction industry.
- know how to minimise the risk of accidents caused by hazards.
- Know safety signs on their categories.
- Know personal protective equipment

Tools and equipment that pupils will use.

There are no specific tools and equipment to use within this unit although each aspect of the unit will link to the safe use of and maintenance of, a range of construction tools and equipment.

Key vocabulary to consolidate.

All vocabulary will be linked to the essential skills that pupils will learn and initially pupils will receive lots of prompts and support to link the vocabulary to the regulatory bodies being discussed.

Key vocabulary to stretch.

As the unit progresses pupils will be encouraged and required to remember the vocabulary independently.

Assessment

Assessment will comprise of 11 specific tasks. These tasks will be taught and then pupils will complete the required paperwork within their own work portfolio. Each task will be assessed by the construction tutor. These tasks are not timed but are mandatory to the success of the qualification. On completion of the required tasks pupils will have had an insight and foundation in a range of health and safety knowledge required to take part in the construction industry successfully.

Progression:

Construction qualifications can support pupils who wish to, to move into the construction industry more successfully.

