

NAPIT Member's Guidance on Health & Safety and Waste Disposal and Pre-qualification

Health & Safety practices:

NAPIT expects businesses to have relevant and appropriate Health and safety Policies. Checks will be undertaken that will not impose undue burdens on NAPIT or member firms or individuals. These will cover:

- confirmation of appropriate employer's and public liability cover, either as part of on-site inspections or annual membership renewal
- checks on the existence of an active written health & safety policy where appropriate, or other simple checks as may be undertaken where appropriate

Many larger clients now expect contractors to have established and tested Health & Safety systems. Membership of a scheme such as CHAS (Construction Health & Safety) see www.chas.gov.uk for details. NAPIT is working with CHAS to establish a relationship that benefits Members by finding a cost effective and accessible route to registration and we will report any developments as and when possible.

Pre-Qualification

Additionally, there is a huge advantage for contractors who work for large clients if their CHAS registration is coupled with Constructionline registration. This is pre-qualification service that saves a huge amount of time and makes your details available to a large variety of client organisations which will only employ Constructionline/CHAS members. Again NAPIT has developed a good relationship with Constructionline and is working on behalf of Members in this area.

Waste Disposal Practices

All businesses are expected to comply with the relevant Acts for the region e.g. Sections 33 and 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Businesses must:-

- Prevent the unauthorized or harmful disposal of its waste
- Prevent the unauthorized or harmful disposal of its waste by another person
- On the transfer of waste to secure-
 - That the transfer is only to an authorised person or to a person for authorised transport purposes; and
 - that there is transferred such written description of the waste as will enable the other person to avoid the unauthorized or harmful disposal of the waste, and to comply with their duty of care

Please assess your handling of waste using the following questions. NAPIT's Inspectors may ask you these questions:-

You should be registered with their Local Authority to transfer or transport waste and should demonstrate that waste is only taken to authorised sites – can you do so?

If you store waste you may be required to have a waste management license, have you checked and are you exempt?

What are your arrangements for ensuring that you comply with legal requirements and duty of care for waste storage and waste disposal?

What are your arrangements for ensuring that your sub-contractors comply with regulations and their duty of care?

NAPIT encourages re-cycling wherever this can be legally and reasonably achieved in a safe manner.

For further information about your particular needs your local Environmental Health Services at your Local authority will be able to offer expert advice.