



Contact: Sarah Kenny CIP Marketing Manager 07789 713776

Date: May 12 2008 **Publication:** Immediate

New health and safety manual aims to cut house building accidents

Construction Industry Publications has produced a House Builders Health and Safety Manual aimed at tackling the rising fatality and accident rate in the sector.

The content, strictly monitored by an editorial panel of H&S practitioners, is endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive and will be up-dated annually to ensure both accuracy and topicality.

It is written by Health and Safety Managers and Advisors who are members of the Construction Confederation Health and Safety panel and who represent a wide cross section of the UK's leading construction and house building companies.

The main aim of the manual is to provide house builders of all sizes with a useful and pragmatic tool to help them comply with their legal duties and to improve the way health and safety issues are managed.

Safety in the house building sector is currently under scrutiny with official statistics showing that the 28% increase* in construction fatalities in 2006/7 compared with the previous year relates entirely to the housing sector (new build and refurbishment/ repair).

The new manual provides simple, informative guidance on all the health and safety issues that face most house building and refurbishment projects and the steps that must be taken both to ensure compliance with legal duty and, through the application of good practice, to ensure health and safety is adequately protected.

For many years the sister publication 'The Construction Health & Safety Manual' has provided a detailed reference source for the most up to date health and safety information.

The new House Builders Manual is aimed at Site Managers and Supervisors of main contractors and sub contractors working in the House building and Refurbishment Industry. In particular it should help Project Managers, Site Agents, Site Foremen and Engineers address health and safety issues in a practical way.

Industry professionals have endorsed the manual. Bob Sayers Health and Safety Director at Redrow Plc said: " "For any health and safety professional in house building the real value of this Manual is that it provides you with not just up to date information on the law but it explains it in simple terms, gives examples of good practice based on HSE guidance and the editorial panel's vast experience in the construction industry.

"For me and my team the Manual is an essential tool that ensures we are always up to date with all aspects of construction health and safety."

The price of the manual is £220.

Notes to editors:

1. Construction Industry Publications (CIP) can be contacted:
 - Tel: 0870 078 4400
 - Fax: 0870 078 4401
 - Email: sales@cip-books.com
2. The Construction Confederation is the main representative organisation for building and civil engineering contractors within the UK construction industry, one of the largest and most diverse sectors within the British economy.
3. *Provisional fatal injury statistics for 2006/7 were published by the HSE on 26 July 2007. These show a substantial increase in the number of fatalities in the new-build housing and domestic refurbishment/ repair/ maintenance (RRM) sectors compared with 2005/6. 37 men died building new homes and working on domestic properties last year.

Construction Confederation, 55 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QL

www.theCC.org.uk