

Will You be a Considerate Constructor?

If one of your next business goals is to improve the image of your company and raise construction standards, register with the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The scheme offers valuable rewards of being part of a nationally recognised and respected organisation.

Considerate Constructors Scheme is the independent non-profit organisation set up in 1997 with which construction sites, companies and suppliers can voluntary register and improve the image of the construction industry in the UK. It aims to raise standards by monitoring building sites. Registered organisations agree to obey the Code of Considerate Practice which outlines the requirements of the scheme:

Site Appearance

Is site well organised, clean and tidy? What is the external presentation of the site? What is the appearance of the workforce? What is the appearance of storage? Etc.

Impact on the Community

Are all those affected by the building project informed? Is the site contributing to the local community? Is the site displaying the boards and relevant information? Etc.

Protection of the environment

Is waste avoided, how is it stored and recycled? How sustainable is the waste management plan? Is the environment protected? Etc.

Highest level of Health and Safety

Are there safety procedures in place and what are all measures to avoid risks? How is safety to public and third parties managed? Etc.

Working environment

Are there welfare facilities provided? Is workforce treated with respect? Is training promoted? Etc.

The Code of Considerate Practice is directed to all registered sites, companies and suppliers regardless of size, type or location. There are three options of registration with the scheme:

- Site registration – for individual sites or projects only (duration for six weeks or longer)
- Company registration- cover all projects company undertakes
- Supplier registration- for any company that supplies goods and services to the building industry

All registered businesses or sites are assessed based on the Scheme checklist that supports the Code of Considerate Practice. It helps to establish what level of performance each site presents. The site monitoring process is straightforward with usually two assessment visits during the project lifespan. Dates of visits are agreed initially and during the inspection, the Monitor assesses how the site is performing by the Scheme checklist. The report with the score is given to the site manager.

Sites are awarded the certification:

- If the score is 5 or more points - a Certificate of Compliance is awarded.
- If the score is 7 or more points- a Certificate of Performance Beyond Compliance is awarded.
- If the site does not comply with the Considerate Constructors Scheme the non-compliance procedure and finally the disciplinary process will apply.

Why is it recommended to become a considerate constructor?

- The CCscheme is well recognised in the UK construction industry by local authorities, the Government, contractors and all construction related businesses.
- The CCscheme certification is a valuable reference for future projects.
- It boosts company image and encourage new clients.
- It is an accreditation during any procurement process.
- Sites and companies registered with the CCscheme are recognised as serious about considerate construction and the highest standards, as well as, environmentally responsible and respectful of others.
- A National Site Award is awarded for the best performing registered company/site what improves the company reputation.
- All sites and companies registered display CCscheme posters or banners and stickers with the contact details.
- The registered company is listed on the CCscheme website what can potentially allow a new business opportunity.

Site registration pack and all Scheme brochures may be downloaded from the Scheme's website www.ccscheme.org.uk