

## Safety Working Group Report

The aim of the Safety Working Group is to provide clear and straightforward advice to 'geo-professionals' such that standards of safety improve for the whole geotechnical industry. This is achieved by

- Newsletter articles
- Good Practice Guidance free on AGS website
- Clients Guides

### A Clients Guide to Construction (Design and Management) Regulations ("CDM") 2007 for Ground Investigations

A new Clients Guide was published to provide updated guidance to Clients of AGS Members on the new CDM Regulations (2007) which came into force on 6 April 2007 and immediately replace the 1994 Regulations.

### The AGS Website

The AGS website will provide a first stop for guidance on a range of geo-environmental safety issues. The website will link with relevant and pertinent reference information and will aim to Broaden and strengthen the liaison with other groups involved in the geotechnical industry. eg FPS, BDA, HSE, etc.

The Working Group have decided to replace the Safety Manual with a series of downloadable guidance documents on the safety page of the website. The safety page will be designed to provide guidance and links to relevant documents specifically to help graduates and smaller consultancy firms with issues such as risk hazard checklists.

### Documents available for download from the safety page-

- Underground and Overhead services
- Working in and next to excavations and trial pits
- Confined Space Working
- CDM 2007- Who's Who on a GI Project
- Working Alone on Site

### Documents under consideration

- COSHH Assessment for contaminated sites
- Site Hazard Checklists
- Drilling rig safety checklists for supervising Engineers
- Manual Handling in Ground Investigation
- Coal Authority and Carbon Monoxide
- Consulting Engineer's Role Under CDM 2007