



SPOTLIGHT ON THE UK GROUND INVESTIGATION INDUSTRY

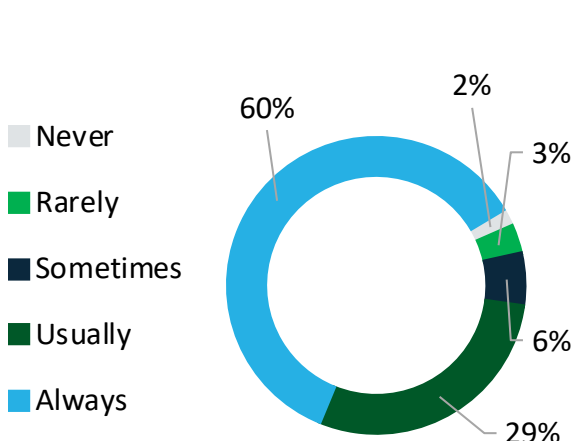
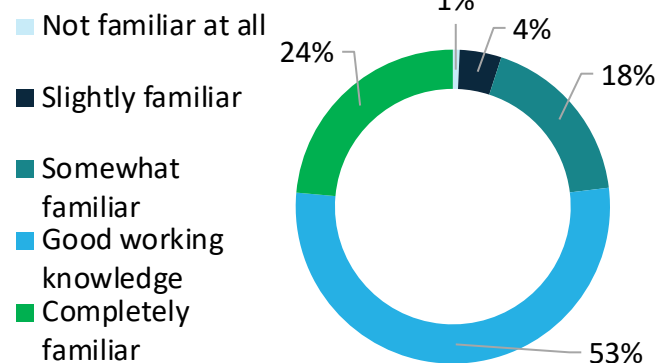
The Association of Geotechnical and Geo-environmental Specialists (AGS) and the British Drilling Association (BDA) agreed in 2016 to set up a joint initiative to shine a ‘Spotlight’ on the UK Ground Investigation industry. This is one of several Bulletins providing statistical feedback from the survey’s findings. To read the Position Paper that was issued prior to the survey, [click here](#).

RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE LEGISLATION - INDUSTRY FAMILIARITY & ADHERENCE TO

Question 17 of the survey asked: “How familiar are you with the Health, Safety and Welfare legislation applicable to the UK ground investigation industry?”

- In total, 77% of respondents either had a good working knowledge of legislation or were completely familiar with the legislation.
- BDA members were more likely to report this, as were those aged 16-24 years; Senior Managers/Directors and business owners.
- A large proportion of those reporting that they are ‘Completely familiar’ with Health & Safety legislation were Specialist Contractors.



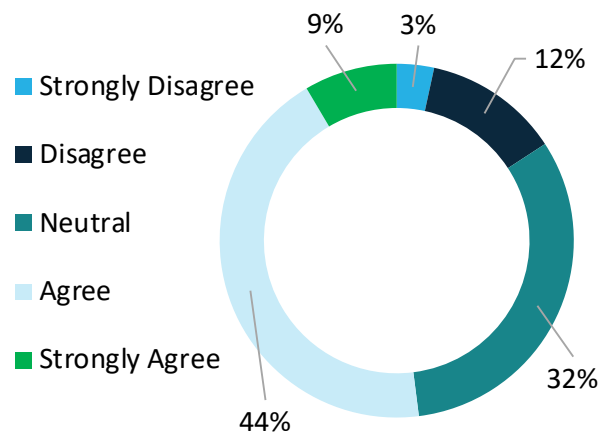
Question 19 asked: “To what extent do you believe that you, yourself have the freedom or authority to abide by this Health, Safety and Welfare legislation in your work?”

- A large proportion of Senior Managers/Directors, those with Professional/Chartered status and those based in Greater London reported ‘always’ while those aged 16 – 24 years reported ‘rarely’ or ‘never’.

RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY CONT.

Question 24d asked: “Adhering to the technical standards makes the workplace safer”

- Just over half of respondents, 53%, agreed with this statement and 15% disagreed with a further 32% remaining neutral.
- Analysis revealed that Advisor/Consultants were more likely to agree, while graduates, site engineers and those based in Scotland were more likely to disagree. Members of the British Drilling Association were more likely to remain neutral.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any immediate responses to the data presented in this Bulletin and would like to engage in further productive discussions, then we want to hear from you.

Due to the time-consuming nature of responding to feedback across various media platforms, we are encouraging all parties keen to open topics of discussion to do so via email: info@ags-bda-taskforce.co.uk

We want to know what you think would be the best next-step or course of action for the topic discussed in this Bulletin, considering the data given above. Examples are given below:

- Seminars / Webinars covering the topic
- Technical articles in magazines
- Training courses covering the topic
- Further detailed surveys on the topic
- Dedicated conference/discussion panels
- Detailed guidance documents from Trade Associations
- Further analysis of the survey data on this topic
- No necessary course of action

Please forward this Bulletin and future Bulletins on to your colleagues and industry contacts in order to ensure as wider saturation for these discussions as possible. Also follow the AGS BDA Task Force on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to stay up to date with the latest developments.

There are several Bulletins emanating from this survey. Each Bulletin will be available for download from the Trade Association(s) and Task Force websites once published.

The survey has raised some important discussion points which the industry should discuss and debate. The hot topics will be the focal point for the conference at [Geotechnica 2017](#), alongside other prospective upcoming industry events.

Further results from the Survey will be available to download following the distribution of all Bulletins. The data summaries are provided by The Dunsmore Consultancy who independently analysed the survey responses.