

Health & Safety

HS2 Supply Chain Roadshow 2016

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- What does safety mean to us at HS2?
- Put very simply, it is about care.
- Caring for our workforce, our passengers and the public, by creating an environment where no one gets hurt.



- Health and safety is one of our core values.
- On an everyday basis that translates into a working environment where everyone, no matter what their role or location, is:
 - making safety their first consideration;
 - acting straightaway to mitigate risks;
 - speaking up and intervening if something is unsafe;
 - taking responsibility for their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing.

- Working with such a broad group of contractors, suppliers and manufacturers means we need to develop best practice to establish one consistent and shared way of doing things, and create a culture where everyone is risk aware, innovative, open and learning, and inclusive and fair.

- We are also guided by a set of principles.
- These principles inform the way in which we approach health and safety, and through which we will test our decisions.
- You can read through these principles in detail in your delegate pack, or if you visit our H&S exhibition stand afterwards.



- So to bring our entire health and safety programme together we have created a unique belief-based health and safety brand – Safe at heart.
- It:
 - puts equal emphasis on health and wellbeing as well as safety;
 - emphasises our safety value – caring;
 - underlines that we will work at the heart of the communities to protect their safety and wellbeing;
 - puts safety at the heart of building the railway;
 - reflects that the health and wellbeing of our collective is at the heart of everything that we do;
 - promotes an ethos that is future-focused and visionary, and sets out our desire to leave a legacy;
 - it deliberately avoids any targets.



- Our collective challenge is to deliver health and safety over the scope of the programme and HS2 as an organisation.
- Within this scope, there are seven key areas of focus, covering key risks, where we need to proactively identify and manage those risks.
- We have established our aspirations in relation to these seven key focus areas, and have defined them as strategic commitments.
- These commitments identify the outcomes in health and safety that HS2 will achieve over the next 10 years of the programme, across all elements within the programme lifecycle.
- They are designed to be tangible, stretching, measureable and publishable – so we can hold ourselves to account for delivering improved levels of health and safety performance.
- The best way to bring these to life is to play you our video.



- We are not going to go through each of the commitments at this stage, but it is worth pulling out some that are particularly relevant to you.

- We will be applying the principles of fair culture in all our investigations.
- That means that we will look at investigations and understand what happened without apportioning blame, and then understanding what we need to do in response that tackles the root cause.

- We will view health like safety.
- Health will have the same emphasis and focus as safety.
- We will focus on the top five causes of long term occupational health disorders – dust, noise, skin irritation, vibration and occupational cancers.
- We will define exposure levels (dust, noise, vibration) that are below the statutory limits.

- We are committed to community safety.
- We will ensure that all legacy assets and access roads are returned to the same or a better condition than before the work.

- We will invest in boundary solutions to protect against trespass, vandalism and unintended access.
- We will develop a new, better standard for the design and use of delivery vehicles, tailored to the urban / rural risks associated with each site, and providing best in class worker access.

- We will maximise the use of self-diagnosing equipment to enable proactive maintenance before something fails.
- Wherever possible we will design our assets to 'fail safe', so that no human intervention is required during operational hours.

- We will promote safety passports.
- This is a single approach to access and security across all sites.
- We will holistically manage working hours and fatigue.
- There will be real time management of competence and medical data, and movement of our workforce across contracts will be efficiently managed.

- Finally, SMART assurance.
- We will set achievable outcomes for health, safety and wellbeing and where the supply chain exceeds expectations, assurance activity will reduce.



- We have two versions of the H&S standard available to you:
- An overview version so that senior leaders can acquaint themselves with what is required.
- This is included in your delegate pack.
- And a detailed version for H&S practitioners within your organisations.

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- Don't forget to come and speak to us afterwards.
- Thank you.

