

## BEST PRACTICE

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### TITLE

Engineering contractor training

### ARTICLE

Bardon Aggregates contractors have to follow the general company rules for contractors which details what is expected of them. They must sign to confirm their understanding of these guidelines and also complete a thorough induction before they are allowed to begin work. In the Cornwall area however, there is a wide use of engineering contractors, so it was decided to produce a tailored scheme for them.

All contractors are expected to participate in the EPIC Contractors Safety Passport scheme, but these courses were not held often in the region. One of the company<sup>TM</sup>s sites now holds regular courses to ensure contractors are receiving enough instruction. The situation is being further controlled by keeping records of inductions and reminding contractors when refresher courses are due.

All contractors are required to carry appropriate insurance, and this is managed on a database. Contractors are required to demonstrate sufficient cover on an annual basis.

To ensure their competence, contractors are involved in safety meetings, presentations and toolbox talks. For specific skills, such as lifting and slinging, courses are arranged to help maintain high levels of skills and behaviour and contribute to a safer working environment.

### ARTICLE IMAGES

