

## BEST PRACTICE

**LOCATION:**  
**ACTIVITY:** Worker Involvement  
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### TITLE

Executive committee health and safety sponsorship

### ARTICLE

In the United Kingdom, the members of Lafarge™s executive committee have identified the top priorities in the Group<sup>T</sup> safety standards. The eight priority areas include issues such as working at height, contractor management and PPE.

An executive committee member has taken responsibility for directing each priority area and setting up a working group at business unit representative level to address each priority.

The groups must:

- Hold a minimum of four meetings per year.
- Take responsibility for applying procedures relating to its area of competence.
- Exchange information on topics or matters of interest to other working groups.

Following these meetings, the groups must provide a progress report on each safety standard at executive committee meetings and circulate safety information every month to all personnel.

Amongst the benefits of this method of managing safety are:

- Significant best practices from the working groups.
- Closer links to the sites implementing the procedures.
- Exceptional progress and commitment to deploy new standards.
- True safety leadership from the top.

### ARTICLE IMAGES