

MPA Health and Safety Awards

Recognising a contractor's outstanding achievements in health, safety and wellbeing

This exciting new award will be presented at the MPA Health & Safety event on 7th July 2026.

WHO CAN ENTER?

The entry for this award can only be submitted by a full MPA Member recommending one of its contractor's, the nominee does not need to be an associate member of MPA.

The company you nominate can be of any size ranging from a sole trader to a major international operator, but the entry must reflect services provided at a site/s in the UK.

A contractor who has experienced a fatality since the 1st of January 2025 will not be eligible for this award.

We would recommend that you consult with the contractor prior to submitting an entry. The judges will contact a shortlisted contractor as part of their evaluation process.

MPA will request a short video of a contractor who is a finalist, ideally this would involve both the contractor and a representative from your company, it is likely that MPA would request that this is filmed on one of your sites.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR AN ENTRY?

MPA anticipate that the winning entries will reflect the following

1. Their culture reflects a commitment to values that are similar to the Vision Zero values
2. A strong health and safety culture, where all their employees are pro-active in managing their own and their colleagues' safety.
3. Their involvement in a health and safety initiative that has delivered significant benefits, possibly in the mitigation of one of 'The Fatal 6'. This might be referenced in a separate Topic entry you have submitted.
4. An example of where their intervention has had a significant impact in the outcome of an incident/event or in mitigating a hazard on your site.
5. A company that has followed a programme to significantly improve their health and safety performance. This might include a programme of training and the development of their employee's skill set/qualifications.
6. Pro-active in the management and adherence to all the health and safety policies and procedures associated with their tasks and activities.
7. A company that has shown industry leadership in health and safety within their sector or specialist area of operation and a willingness to share this knowledge with others.

WHY ENTER A CONTRACTOR FOR THIS AWARD?

Contractors play a vital and increasingly important role in the completion of a wide range of tasks and activities that are critical to the mineral products industry. Contractors frequently undertake hazardous activities including cleaning, maintenance, load and haul and drilling and blasting, they may also be working alone, in a confined space or in a remote area of the site. Therefore, it is vital that as an industry we work hard to raise the health, safety and welfare of not only our employees but also the contractors working on our behalf.

This award will help to achieve the following;

- Recognise excellence in health and safety demonstrated by a contractor
- Raise the profile of the contractor with their peers and other potential clients
- Provide recognition of achievement to the contractor and all their staff
- Demonstrate the importance that your company attaches to the health and safety standards of your contractors
- Provide an example of excellence that other contractors can aspire to
- Help increase awareness of the importance of health and safety standards across the industry.

WHEN IS THE CLOSING DATE?

Final entries must be submitted by the 17th October 2025

HOW EASY IS IT TO ENTER?

Entering is straight forward. Please submit a maximum of 750 words summarising why you believe that your contractor should be considered for this award. MPA would welcome any additional supporting material you may have.

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT THE ENTRY?

The entry should be authorised by a Senior Manager, the Owner, a Director or Head of Health and Safety of a full MPA member who is supporting the nomination of the contractor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you wish to discuss this further or require any additional information, please contact Amy Harris at amy.harris@mineralproducts.org or David Yelland using entries@mpahsawards.org

Support 'The Fatal 6' initiative by reviewing and acting on these high consequence hazards within your organisation:

1. Contact with moving machinery and isolation
2. Workplace transport and pedestrian interface
3. Work at height
4. Workplace Respirable Crystalline Silica
5. Struck by moving or falling object
6. Road Traffic Accidents