

# BRIEFING NOTE 2026

7 TOPIC AWARDS • EUROBITUME AWARD • 'THE FATAL 6' AWARD



## ENTRIES WELCOME FROM

- All sectors within the mineral products industry
- MPA Members and Non-Members
- Operators, contractors, suppliers and service providers



# MPA Health and Safety Awards

Aggregates, Asphalt, Cement, Contracting, Dimension Stone, Lime, Masonry, Mortar, Precast Concrete, Ready Mix, Recycling, Silica Sand and Transport

## WHY ENTER?

### 5 Reasons to enter the MPA Topic Awards

#### 1. Sharing your innovations and good practice will

- Help prevent serious injuries and fatalities
- Help others to eliminate hazards in their workplace
- Help others change unsafe behaviours
- Help others learn from your experience
- Helps the industry achieve Vision Zero

#### 2. Entering will raise your company's profile

- With your key stakeholders and customers
- H&S award winners recognised both in UK and internationally
- Demonstrates your company's commitment to health and safety
- Enhances your company's credibility with peers

#### 3. Entering will motivate and reward your team

- Employees and others involved benefit from their achievement being recognised
- Feedback from winners demonstrates positive impact on employees
- Reinforces your company's commitment to Vision Zero

#### 4. Entering will help drive industry improvements

- Many ideas highlighted in previous years have now become widely adopted by the industry raising standards and driving better performance

#### 5. Entering will result in your good practice and innovations being

- Promoted at the 2026 MPA Health and Safety Awards event
- Promoted via videos widely shared across the industry
- Promoted via Safequarry and other social networks
- Promoted in the printed and digital MPA Sharing Good Practice Guide
- Reported in industry media

Relevant entries will also be automatically entered into **Eurobitume Trophy** and **'The Fatal 6'** Awards

## IS IT EASY TO ENTER THE MPA H&S AWARDS?

- Straight-forward and simple process
- Completion of short Word form
- Clear guidance provided on what is required
- Quick and easy to fill in forms
- You can make as many entries as you wish
- It is free to enter

## WHO CAN ENTER?

**MPA welcomes entries from any organisations which meets the following criteria:**

- Must relate to activities in a product sector represented by MPA
- Must relate to activities based in the UK

Entries can be submitted;

- From either MPA members or non-members
- From any size of organisation - an SME up to a multinational
- From industry operators, contractors, suppliers or other service providers
- From an organisation that represents companies or individuals working in MPA product sectors
- Joint entries can be made

**Entries must be approved by your line manager**

## WHEN MUST YOU ENTER BY?

**Topic Awards submitted by 17th October 2025.**

## WHAT ARE THE TOPICS FOR ENTRIES?

You can make an entry under the following 7 topics – a more detailed explanation of these topics is available on the following page.

1. **Safer production**
2. **Safer maintenance and housekeeping**
3. **Safer management of pedestrians and transport on-site**
4. **Safer transport and logistics**
5. **Safer operations at a contracting/laying, construction or customer site**
6. **Safer through improvements in health and wellbeing**
7. **Safer together**

**Topic 5** is designed for entries relating to **contracting/laying asphalt** and activities at a **construction site or customer site**.

Entries for **topics 6 and 7** can relate to either **a specific site, a division or a company-wide initiative**. These 2 topics have a greater emphasis on worker involvement, leadership, behavioural change, people management, communication and inclusion.

Many of the topics above are closely aligned with 'The Fatal 6' but it is understood that not all entries will directly relate to them.

**Please see what people said about the [2022 MPA H&S Awards](#)**

## WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER?

**Please submit an entry because you'll be helping to make our industry safer for everyone. Winners for example could be:**

- **New ideas, systems and innovations**
- **Good implementation/enhancement/adaption of a previous idea or entry**
- **A company/site that demonstrates a good application of health and safety practices and procedures e.g isolation or pedestrian safety**

**Please be reassured that all entries will be considered regardless of presentation, word count or grammar.**

Please complete a standard entry form with the following:

- a. Name of organisation submitting the entry and contact information
- b. What were the issues/problems/hazards/behaviour you were seeking to resolve/eliminate/mitigate/change?
- c. What you did and how the process was managed?
- d. What are the benefits and the evidence to support this
- e. How the entry demonstrates innovation. Is this a new concept?
- f. Do you have further development plans. How transferrable is this concept to other sites, companies or industry sectors

## CAN I ADD SUPPORTING IMAGES/RESOURCES?

**It would be helpful to support your entry with images, and if available, video clips (eg. using a mobile phone). If other resources are already available such as Powerpoint, PDFs, posters please feel free to submit these as well. The entry form provides further guidance on these sections. Please limit the additional resources to no more than six files.**

## WHERE CAN I OBTAIN AN ENTRY FORM AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Download an entry form from [www.safequarry.com](http://www.safequarry.com), the entry form includes some helpful tips.
- When you have completed the form please forward it to [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org)
- Your entry will be acknowledged and assigned a unique number. This will be included in your confirmation from MPA
- MPA reserves the right to re-assign an entry to a different topic if they feel this would be more appropriate.
- You will be informed by MPA if you have been shortlisted and you may be contacted by a judge requesting a site visit or asking further questions
- Should you have any questions or want advice please contact [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org)
- Entries which are shortlisted as finalists will be contacted regarding the provision of a video of their entry.

## HOW WILL THE ENTRIES BE JUDGED?

Each category will be reviewed by an independent judge who is an expert in their field. The judges will use 5 key criteria to assess the forms, the best entries will be shortlisted for further review. If shortlisted, you may be contacted by the judge.

## WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA THE JUDGES WILL USE?

The entries will be scored against the following 5 key criteria.

The weight assigned to these criteria may vary depending on the topic, this is detailed on the entry form.

The overall score achieved by the entry will determine whether it will be shortlisted for further evaluation.

1. What are the benefits?
2. How was the process managed?
3. How innovative/original is the solution/process/management system, concept?
4. How transferable is this within the company, industry or beyond?
5. The judges' view of the entry, the relevance to the topic, and quality of evidence provided etc.

## 'THE FATAL 6' AWARD - AUTOMATIC ENTRY

**Only MPA or Eurobitume member companies will be eligible for 'The Fatal 6' Award.**

You do not have to submit a separate entry form but you will see on each entry form, there is a tick box for you to state whether your entry relates to 'The Fatal 6' and if so, which one/s.

The judges will select those entries that have demonstrated the greatest potential to mitigate a hazard associated with 'The Fatal 6' and enter them for this award.

## EUROBITUME TROPHY - AUTOMATIC ENTRY

**Only MPA or Eurobitume Members will be eligible for Eurobitume Trophy.**

You do not have to submit a separate entry form for this. Please tick the box in the form that indicates you would like to be considered for the Eurobitume Trophy.

The Eurobitume Trophy is designed for entries that relate to the handling or processing associated with bitumen, asphalt and activities associated with contracting/laying.

## WHERE AND WHEN IS THE AWARDS EVENT?

The announcement of winners will be made at the MPA Health and Safety Awards. This is the premier event for health and safety within the mineral products industry that showcases the steps the industry is taking to move closer to the achievement of 'Vision Zero'. It will be held on 7th July 2026.

## Entry topics for the 2026 MPA H&S Awards

**Aggregates, Asphalt, Cement, Contracting, Dimension Stone, Lime, Masonry, Mortar, Precast Concrete, Ready Mix, Recycling, Silica Sand and Transport**

Please review these topics and consider under which topic your entry should be submitted. The short descriptions provide an indication of type of activities or initiatives that judges would expect to see submitted under this heading. Please contact [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org) should you wish to discuss your topic selection or need further advice. Please note that all entries from **MPA or Eurobitume Members** will automatically be entered for **The Fatal 6' Award** and **Eurobitume Trophy** if relevant.

### 1. Safer production



This section covers **extraction, manufacturing and processing**. An entry that describes a new innovation, engineering solution, system, control measure, change in a process/procedure, warning system or training programme that has made manufacturing or processing safer. This covers all activities involved in creating products e.g. from preparing for blast at a quarry to the manufacture of precast products.

Note: This section would also include **investments in new plant**.

### 2. Safer maintenance and housekeeping



An entry that covers all aspects of maintenance or housekeeping across all product groups. E.g. this category would cover safer methods of carrying out a maintenance process, cleaning or an innovation that made a maintenance process unnecessary.

Note: This might include a major shutdown or refit.

### 3. Safer management of pedestrians and transport on-site



An entry that relates to the safer management of people (employees, contractors, suppliers, customers and members of the public) and vehicles on-site. This could include site inductions, traffic management, pedestrian zones and control systems around an UK member operated site.

### 4. Safer transport and logistics



An entry that relates to the safer transportation and handling of materials in the mineral products industry. This would include training of hauliers, safety devices on vehicles, the lifting and storage of materials, measures to improve the safety of other road users, cars, vans, rail and waterborne transport.

This topic also covers the **unloading, storage and delivery of materials to a site such as bitumen, chemicals, explosives, fuel, aggregates, cement, readymix, coated stone and precast products**.

**NB. This could include product testing.**

### 5. Safer operations at a contracting/laying asphalt, construction or customer site



This section relates to activities such as contracting, laying asphalt and installation of precast concrete.

This would include activities such as **new road construction, on-highway maintenance**, the pouring of **readymix concrete**, the **installation of precast products** such as flooring, pipes, staircases, and other similar tasks undertaken at a construction site.

### 6. Safer through improvements in health and wellbeing



An entry that relates to initiatives that improve the health and well-being of people, this could be at a **specific site, within a division, or a company-wide** initiative.

This could include management of **mental health, diet, medicals**, or the mitigation of hazards such as **RCS and dust, chemicals and HAVs** if not more appropriately covered in an earlier topic.

### 7. Safer together



An entry where the main emphasis is on working together, leadership or behavioral change. It might include training programmes, safety days, communication programmes, cross site safety audits or similar initiatives. These entries could be **site-specific, relate to a division or be a company-wide** initiative.

**For further information or help please contact [entries@mpahsawards.org](mailto:entries@mpahsawards.org)**