

## BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Company-wide  
ACTIVITY: Competence Assurance  
SUB ACTIVITY: N/A  
BEST PRACTICE No: BP420  
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COMPANY: Tarmac  
COMPANY LOCATION: Tarmac Topmix, Nottinghamshire  
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### TITLE

**Contractors safety seminar**

### ARTICLE

Tarmac Topmix Midlands was particularly concerned about the communication between management and contractors and so set about arranging an annual Contractors Safety Seminar.

The first included a presentation from the management team on the company's policies and procedures in terms of health, safety and environmental issues and how these affect the role of the contractor.

The agenda was as follows:

- ? Golden Rules video
- ? Site specifics, which included issues like signing in / out and parking; levels of PPE; risk assessments; isolation procedures; permit to work; safety signs and site hazards
- ? Toolbox talks, starting with details of a fatality at a company contracting site
- ? Near Hits reported to the business from contractors and employees
- ? The new award-winning video "Once too often Dave"
- ? Open discussions about the presentation, policies and procedures that they were being asking them to perform.

### ARTICLE IMAGES

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#### Potential for serious injury

Unfortunately, fluid injection is often painless and the point of entry through the skin is usually very small and has a harmless appearance (see photographs below).



Pain and swelling may not appear for several hours after injection (sometimes it can take a couple of days before pain and swelling are experienced).



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**potential for serious injury slide**

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#### Site Hazards



Kevin Bloomfield's right leg had to be amputated following appalling cement burns

Wet cement causes **Alkaline burns** which can lead to serious conditions.



**potential injury**