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What your site and employer should do for you

1. Make sure that a competent person supervises the work.
2. Tell you about the hazards identified in the risk assessment.
3. Provide you with a safe system of work that is without risks to your health.
4. Explain the safe system of work to you in a method statement.
5. Give you adequate instruction and training.
6. At no time place you in danger.

What you should do for your site and employer

1. Follow the agreed safe system of work.
2. Keep to any permit systems which are in operation.
3. Not take risks with your own or anyone else's health or safety.
4. Report any aspect of your work that you feel is unsafe.

Introduction

Plumbing and gas-related work is highly specialised and potentially dangerous. All such work must be properly planned, only carried out by trained and competent contractors and be adequately supervised.

No-one should attempt to work on any gas pipework or equipment unless they are a Gas Safe registered engineer.



Poorly thought out or executed gas-related work activities can kill.

Safe systems of working

Safe working must include attention to the following.

- Looking after equipment and hand tools to make sure they are safe to use, including carrying out simple repairs (such as replacing a split file handle) where this is practical.
- Being aware that cutting large diameter metal pipes will leave extremely sharp edges.
- Leaving all places of work in a safe condition if they have to be left unoccupied, particularly if working on gas systems in domestic premises where the occupier will not be risk-aware.
- Making sure there is safe access to any place of work and that the workplace itself is safe to occupy (for example, using a ladder or stepladder if accessing the loft space of a domestic premises and making sure that there is safe access over the joists).
- Carrying out the transportation of people, equipment and materials in a safe and responsible manner, such as in the following examples.
 - Only carrying people in a van if it is fitted with factory-fitted seats and seat belts.
 - Carrying long lengths of tubing in a suitable pipe-rack attached to the roof of a van.
 - Always wearing a seat belt, when one is provided, if operating construction plant.
- Not entering an excavation if the sides are not supported or if the supports show signs of collapse.



Also refer to the 'Common elements' section of Chapter F28 Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR).

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