

Are you compliant? The new electronic recording system Safetrak® from Scafftag® helps businesses to comply and keep workers safe

Since January 1st 2011, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has demanded that all scaffolds conform to the new regulations BS EN12811-1 and be erected or designed as recommended in the TG20:08 guidance document produced by the National Access and Scaffolding Confederation (NASC).

The recent statistics published by the HSE confirm that the construction industry still holds the highest number of fatalities within the main industrial sectors; with 42 people losing their lives from this sector in the period 2009/10. Although this figure is gradually reducing year on year, construction still remains one of the most dangerous professions in the UK and businesses are continually encouraged to improve best practice to try and mitigate these fatalities. To support the progression of safety within the construction sector, the HSE has now pledged to conduct unannounced inspections on



construction sites over the forthcoming months in a bid to try to reduce the numbers of accidents as well as reinstate the importance of companies being compliant.

Scafftag, the expert in the management and status of equipment used at work and the inventor of the 'Scafftag' scaffolding tagging system, has been working with and advising construction companies, for many years and has the equipment to ensure that workers are both

safe on site and legally compliant with the new regulations.

Ultimately companies want to improve their inspection processes so that the status of equipment, such as scaffolding, is clearly and easily identified to ensure safe access at all times. This ultimately results in improved safety records and so the design and introduction of Safetrak was no accident as Jonathan Edwin, Business Manager at Scafftag explains. "Safetrak is a unique electronic system designed to transform equipment inspections, maintenance and identification activities into a paperless, efficient and simplified process. We developed Safetrak to reduce the amount of paperwork so that reports no longer have to be filled out, filed or sent off. All relevant parties have instant access to information on each scaffold structure and can use Safetrak's simple report generation tool to compile all legally required documentation".

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UK's first leisure centre to use UV upgrades its system – with Hanovia UV!

Riverside Leisure Centre in Exeter was the first leisure centre in the UK to install a UV system to treat its pool water. That was back in 1994, when the centre had just undergone a complete refurbishment and a Hanovia UV system was chosen to replace ozone.

The Hanovia system performed so well for the subsequent 16 years, and was still performing well when the time came for an upgrade in 2010. An upgrade was only necessary because parts for the old UV unit were no longer available, but the centre, operated by Parkwood Community Leisure on behalf of Exeter City Council, didn't think twice about replacing it with another Hanovia system.

The replacement UV unit installed at Riverside is used for the main leisure pool and treats up to 280 m3/hour. Automatic wipers keep the quartz sleeve housing the UV lamp clean, so the only regular maintenance is an annual service at which the UV lamp is changed – a simple operation that is carried out by on-site staff. A smaller Hanovia UV system is also used to treat water in the learner pool.

During its time, the original Hanovia unit exceeded all expectations in its ability to control combined chlorine and it wasn't long after the initial installation at Riverside before more UK leisure centres opted for Hanovia's UV technology.

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Argus Security awarded first LPCB EN54-25 Approval



certificated by a leading approval organisation and so chose LPCB (part of BRE Global) as an internationally recognised assessment partner. This choice was also determined by the need to obtain comprehensive certification covering not only wireless performance, but confirmation of the critical responsiveness of smoke and temperature detectors, ability of devices to withstand environmental extremes, immunity to EMC, etc. All of these aspects could be readily covered by LPCB as part of their assessment process.

The Sagittarius range of Argus Security wireless

For several years, Argus Security Srl, a specialist fire detection design and manufacturing company based in Trieste, Italy has been working in conjunction with its engineering partner Argus Spectrum, to expand the range of dedicated wireless detectors and ancillary devices distributed to European markets, including of course the UK.

These products were first developed and supplied well before the implementation of the specific European standard, EN54-25, which now covers the wireless performance of such fire alarm devices. Since they were designed to fully comply with the standard's requirements Argus Security was keen to demonstrate this fact to customers by having the products third party

detectors recently completed the full series of EN54 testing successfully and are the first products to have been certified by LPCB to the EN54-25 wireless standard for fire system applications.

Argus Security addressable wireless devices are designed to be used not only in conjunction with Argus Vega protocol intelligent systems, but also offer dedicated interfaces allowing them to be used with other system solutions, including conventional fire alarm installations.

Product is distributed in the UK under the Hyfire brand by Sterling Safety Systems and is available in other European markets via specialist system distributors.

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