



CASE STUDY

WSP UK Ltd | SPaTS3 Bitesize Learning – significant risk thinking

Introduction

On the SPaTS3 framework we committed to 'WSP will create a module on Hazard & Risk Management as part of our 'bitesize' HS&W learning series. This will introduce and embed the 'significant risk thinking' method. This module will be included in the framework induction process for all staff to provide a uniform approach to hazard identification and risk management and optimise 'Home Safe and Well' ambitions.



Overview

WSP as part of National Highways supply-chain have submitted a H&S strategy to the Supply-Chain Safety Leadership Group, committing to communicating the nine significant risks and the significant risk thinking approach to our staff and our supply-chain. As part of our SPaTS3 framework, we have committed to deliver 'Bitesize' learning sessions which take approximately 30-40 minutes followed by time for questions. We thought this was a great opportunity to combine the two.



Challenges

- Large number of supply-chain partners to deliver SPaTS 3 tasks (circa 40)
- Varied audience across the SPaTS 3 supply-chain
- Communicating across the framework, making the significant risk thinking approach relevant

Describe one thing you will do differently as a result of the session?

"Importance of focussing on 'above the line' parts of the hierarchy of control."





Occupational Road Risk
People Plant Interface
Incursions + IPV Strikes
Working at Height
Temporary Works
Underground – Overground Services
Occupational Health – Noise – Dust – Manual Handling
Plant Turnover
Lifting Operation



Action Taken

As part of our Bitesize sessions programme, we developed a significant risk thinking module. We then arranged two facilitated sessions to run on the 17th and 27th of November and invited members of the WSP SPaTS 3 framework including supply-chain partners.

In all a total of circa 160 individuals across circa 40 organisations attended across the two dates which were recorded so they can be utilised as either a refresher for those who attended or awareness for those new to the project as part of the project induction process, or who couldn't attend the either of the initial sessions.

We have received positive feedback relating to the sessions and due to the nature of the SPaTS framework supply-chain. We have reached organisations and individuals who would not have otherwise come into contact with the SCSLG webinar series.



Results

- Individuals involved in the SPaTS 3 framework now understand the concept of significant risk thinking and the change in focus. Looking at the Hiearchys' of control and intervention effectiveness with the focus 'Above the line'
- Individuals now have an awareness of the 9 significant risk areas, and why they are important
- And more importantly how these concepts can be applied in the work we do under SPaTS. And how individuals and organisations can get involved.



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