

NEW COMMITTEE TO TRACK H&S MATTERS

In order to evolve a common approach to the increasingly important subject of health and safety in the concrete repair and allied industry, the UK Concrete Repair Association (CRA) has recently established a new Health & Safety Committee, comprising individuals from CRA contracting and manufacturing members who are responsible for such matters on a day-to-day basis.

The Association believes that an industry stance on H&S issues would prove of assistance to many clients, engineers and specifiers, as well as being more effective than individual members working in isolation. The new initiative will provide industry guidance, will promote H&S awareness and 'Best Practice' and will assist with compliance to H&S Standards.

In addition to being reactive to proposed H&S matters, the Committee also intends to take a pro-active stance on many topics facing the repair and protection of concrete.

The Committee, which will report directly to the CRA Executive, is currently considering the new European Directive on Chromium V1, a naturally occurring content in cement that can cause skin irritation and allergic contact dermatitis to some operatives, hand-arm vibration involving exposure levels to certain types of equipment and the CHIP 3 Regulations, which involves matters relating to the disposal of hazardous waste, exposure to silica, noise regulation and working at height. In addition, the group intends to collect and collate accident data on a regular basis. Such information would assist in providing an indication as to the specific needs of future training.

Between them, CRA members account for the vast majority of concrete repair and associated work in the U.K. All are listed in a handy one-third A/4 size Members Directory, copies of which can be obtained from Association House, 99 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7EN. Tel: 01252 739145. Fax: 01252 739140. Email: info@associationhouse.org.uk Website: www.cra.org.uk

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