

WELFARE



FISA Safety Guide 806 Welfare



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Appendix 1: Forestry Welfare Assessment Form

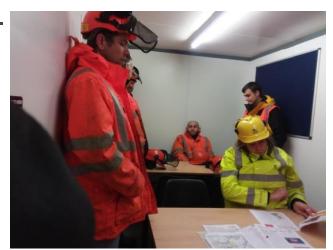
Interim Guide for 18 months during which time comments and suggestions are being collated.



Welfare

- It's not just about toilets!
- Seating area (not a legal requirement under the Workplace Regulations for forestry);
- and used for site meetings and briefings/toolbox talks;
- or for rest and shelter from the weather.







Welfare

Justification is key in evidencing why. If you have not got an all singing and dancing unit.

- Location
- Number of persons on site
- Maintenance
- Environmental risks
- Availability of suitable welfare provision



Temporary Form Tina Ambler 22/10/19



Welfare Selection additional things to think about

- Cold water portaloo then why not a hot water?
- Portaloo without sinks are NOT acceptable.



 Welfare van with cassette style toilet – HSE current thinking that only suitable for 2 persons due to the capacity of the cassette and compliance with ACOP para 203 'avoid chemical toilets that have to be emptied manually.' this would not be acceptable if it had to be emptied a number of times a week. Note: Most welfare vans have cassette toilets.



Where contractors have made their own facilities i.e. Grab Tanks or refurbished vans have they considered the following:- manual handling of generators; noise and fumes from generators; earthing rods; RCD and consumer units; insulation of seating areas











5 Internal



Welfare Selection additional things to think about

- Include in the pre-commencement meetings suitable location for positioning welfare facilities not just at the start of the works but also as work progresses.
- Will the facility need to be moved, how will it be moved?
- Are the towable units and the vehicles that will tow them compatible and legal?
- Dutyholders should be considering how they are emptied.





ACOP L24 Workplace health, safety and welfare



Approved Codes of Practice (ACOPs) legal status

- Follow the advice
- doing enough to comply with the law in respect of those specific matters on which the Code gives advice.
- You may use alternative methods to those set out in the Code in order to comply with the law.

However, if you are prosecuted for breach of health and safety law, and it is proved that you did not follow the relevant provisions of the Code, you will need to show that you have complied with the law in some other way or a Court will find you at fault.



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Remote workplaces and temporary work sites

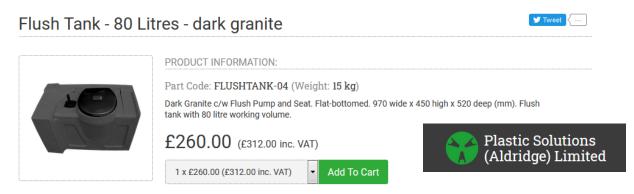
203 For remote workplaces without running water or a nearby sewer, provide enough water in containers for washing, or other means of maintaining personal hygiene, and enough chemical toilets. As far as possible, avoid chemical toilets that have to be emptied manually. If chemical toilets must be used, provide a suitable deodorising agent and ensure they are emptied and recharged at suitable intervals.

204 For temporary work sites, regulation 3(2) requires dutyholders to provide suitable and sufficient toilets and washing facilities, so far as reasonably practicable. In other cases, mobile facilities should be provided wherever possible. These should, if possible, include flushing toilets and running water for washing and meet the other requirements of this Code.



Holding Tanks vs Cassette Toilets

- "Of course if the hire is for a couple of people for a day or so then the cartridge type would still suffice".
- HSE current thinking that only suitable for 2 persons due to the capacity of the cassette and compliance with ACOP para 203 'avoid chemical toilets that have to be emptied manually.' this would not be acceptable if it had to be emptied a number of times a week.

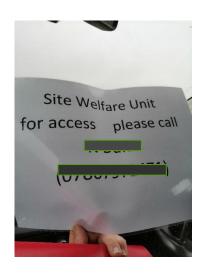




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Example of how one site is evidencing managing the maintenance and agreed use of a contractors caravan







The difference between Construction and Forestry in ensuring and providing Welfare facilities



 Construction CDM Regs - Clients and contractors share the legal responsibility to provide these facilities on all sites, regardless of their size, and must provide enough facilities to cover the number of employees on site and be suitable for the type of work being undertaken.

 Duties under the Workplace, Health Safety and Welfare Regulations for the provision of welfare 'People other than employers also have duties under these Regulations if they have control, to any extent, of a workplace'.





















