

## Contractors – Opportunities and Responsibilities

**Who is a contractor?**

“contractor” means any person (including a client, principal contractor or other person referred to in these Regulations) who, in the course or furtherance of a business, carries out or manages construction work.

Person or organisation carrying out construction, installation, alteration, isolation, diversion, maintenance, commissioning or removal works. Contractor includes Principal Contractor and any sub-contractor.

### What can a contractor add?

The standards that you set around information, instruction, training, competence, tools and equipment, planning, communication, change management and leadership will define your future safety performance. You are responsible for ensuring your supply chain are competent and that you have set clear expectations with regard to meeting your standards.

### What are contractors’ responsibilities?

You are responsible for planning, managing and monitoring work under your control. You are responsible for the competence of your workforce and for ensuring the competence of your supply chain and for Controlling the work in a way which ensures that, so far as is reasonably practicable, it is carried out without risks to health and safety. This requires excellent communication, organisation, supervision and leadership.

### The following checklist provides a simple guide to help contractors review whether they are following best practice.

**If it is not possible to confirm that an item has been carried out, this should provide a prompt to identify what further action should be taken as appropriate.**

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