



Spotlight on... cycle safety

The Considerate Constructors Scheme's '**Spotlight on...**' initiative aims to look at different areas associated with improving the image of construction, and hopes to raise awareness among registered sites and companies on how they can help with the issues.

Through taking action to help tackle the issues highlighted, the construction industry can play an important role in making a difference, and ultimately, improve the image of construction.



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Spotlight on... cycle safety aims to raise awareness of the issue of cycle safety and to share best practice. This initiative seeks to raise standards where necessary and reduce and prevent fatalities and injuries resulting from accidents between cyclists and construction traffic.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (2017):

- Around 18,500 cyclists are killed or injured in road accidents each year.
- Over 100 cyclists have been killed on the roads every year since 2006.
- HGVs are involved in around 20% of cyclist deaths despite comprising 5% of traffic.
- Human error is the main reason for road crashes, with the most common factor being 'failing to look properly'.

Many construction sites are already taking action to reduce the risks to cyclists but the whole industry needs to come together and collectively address the issue. It is the responsibility of every construction site to do what they can to ensure the safety of cyclists around construction activity.

How the issue is being tackled

There are a number of cycling safety campaigns currently running in the UK and Ireland, with each one designed to raise awareness of the dangers of cycling on public roads.

The construction industry is also playing its part in promoting cycle safety with many sites across the UK implementing a wide range of initiatives which aim to reduce the number of construction-related accidents.

The Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) initiative is a sign of how the industry is seeking to embed good practice and drive change in construction logistics to ensure the safety of our roads.

What to do now

Please visit the '**Spotlight on... cycle safety**' campaign on the Best Practice Hub www.ccsbestpractice.org.uk to find a wealth of information on cycle safety and how you can help raise awareness of this important issue.

The Hub will update the campaign as new information and case studies are identified.

If you would like to share your efforts in raising awareness of cycle safety, please email enquiries@ccsbestpractice.org.uk.