

Tewkesbury Printing Company (TPC) were aware that their risk assessments were no longer up to date and were having difficulty answering questions posed by their insurance company. It was not the case that they were unsafe; it was just the efforts required to demonstrate this satisfactorily.

Because Strategic Safety Systems had an on-going relationship with TPC (we had provided their ISO 14001, FSC and PEFC systems) TPC asked us to help.

Benefits

Assessments are concise and workable – makes it simple to manage actions arising

Point of use summaries available for substances hazardous to health – enables control or first aid/spillage measures to be determined where they are needed

Actions are linked into INTACT – considerably reduces the effort in managing actions and produces professional output

Having examined the risk and other assessments (in a very bulky folder), we decided it was best to replace these completely. SSS have a comprehensive set of computerised risk, CoSHH and other assessment systems and so we were able to use existing assessments, adjusting them to suit the situations at TPC. For example, there are over 2000 substances on the SSS CoSHH assessment database and all but 2 of the substances used by TPC were already on the system.

The other key point is that TPC were already using the SSS INTACT integrated action management system and the assessment systems link into this. Therefore, an action management plan from the risk assessments was automatically available. Instead of having to transpose actions from individual assessments, the people accountable for actions had their individual TO DO list, and a summary of proposed and actual actions was available for the insurance company.

The deliverables were therefore:

- A concise manual with all risk, CoSHH, fire risk and manual handling assessments.
- Action plans arising from these assessments, both as individual TO DO lists and summaries (in descending order of risk)
- Point of use summaries for substances hazardous to health.

Tewkesbury Printing Company are now in the position where they can demonstrate control of risks to their insurance company or the HSE and are freed from the burden that this previously imposed.

SSS will periodically review the assessments, normally every 2 years, but more frequently if circumstances, such as the introduction or removal of equipment, change.

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