



Client Details: Mitsubishi Electric
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Project Type:
 Health and Safety

Background

Mitsubishi is one of the world's most distinguished brands and its lift and escalator division handles some of the most prestigious building projects. Recent ventures include buildings at Canary Wharf, 88 Wood Street and 280 Bishopsgate for which they were awarded "Best new lift project over £100k" at the 2002 British Lift Awards.

Project

The lift and escalator division has an excellent health and safety record in the industry. However, construction sites are dangerous places: the lift industry still averages between 130 and 150 serious accidents a year and the HSE are exerting pressure on the industry to improve its safety record. So, in order to ensure safety and to stay ahead of the competition, Staius were invited to review the current Mitsubishi systems. The initial review, an assessment against the OHSAS 18001 management systems standard, was very favourable but, as ever, it was found that improvements could be made. They always can be!

Possibly the biggest changes focused on revisions to the risk assessments. The approach taken by different parts of the Company was beginning to diverge, so a new "best practice" approach was adopted whereby the various activities undertaken were reviewed on a "task by task" basis creating a comprehensive hazard analysis for each. Each task was then matched with the tools and methods employed and, where necessary, various control measures implemented. It is not, however, sufficient to undertake a review of this nature in splendid isolation. Consequently, a training plan is now being devised which will ensure the new systems are rolled out for comment, feedback and revision.

Benefits

"The key benefit is that we have been able to create a consistent approach to health and safety across the installation and service division."

"Health and safety is fundamental to our reputation for quality. With the help of Staius we want to ensure that we have the tools for its effective management within our organisation" commented David McKee, Deputy General Manager for Mitsubishi's Lift and Escalator Division.

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