



Health & Safety Week 2016

19 – 25 October

Emerald Facility Services has a strong safety record and this is testament to the focus we place on health and safety. We understand that it is vital that all staff are properly trained in this area to ensure a safe working environment for all.

How do Emerald Facility Services ensure the safety of employees?

- ✔ **Hospitals** – We minimise the risk of slips, trips and falls through battery operated scrubber dryers and the use of signage.
- ✔ **Working at heights** – Our abseil cleaning operatives are highly qualified to IRATA standards and are supervised by IRATA Level 3 technicians. Site specific risk assessments carried out at all sites.
- ✔ **Employees wear personal protective equipment (PPE)**, uniforms, protective footwear and/ or ear protection based on the role being carried out.
- ✔ **Chemical Usage** – Employees trained to industry standard in chemicals. We have rigorous processes in place when handling chemicals and use biodegradable chemicals, concentrated systems and labelled bottles colour coded.

Is your company health & safety ready?

Employers obligation under **The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005** (the 2005 Act):

- ✔ Write a safety statement
- ✔ Identify hazards
- ✔ Assess risks
- ✔ Written risk assessment to include any unusual or other risks and record in safety statement

What can you do?

- ✔ Weigh up the risks in your office
- ✔ Keep your office space tidy
- ✔ Conduct fire drills for all staff
- ✔ Gather ideas from your team
- ✔ Reduce staff stress to reduce accidents



Theme for 2015 – Managing Stress:
Review your stress management interventions!

