



Contractor Factfile

safecontractor is a third-party accreditation scheme that assesses your health and safety arrangements. Many major clients recognise the scheme and will accept your **safecontractor** certificate as confirmation of competency. **safecontractor** means that you now only need to be assessed once and not by every client and prospect.

safecontractor is a leading health and safety accreditation scheme. The scheme has over 18,000 contractor members and more than 190 clients, including some of the UK's biggest blue-chip organisations.

Contractors join to:

- Demonstrate their health and safety competence.
- Reduce the burden of multiple compliance.
- Retain access to their major clients who insist on **safecontractor** accreditation.
- Gain access to new clients who support the **safecontractor** scheme.
- Receive an extensive range of membership benefits.

Membership benefits include:

After accreditation:

- Copy of the approved **safecontractor** logo.
- **safecontractor** vehicle stickers.
- **safecontractor** approved certificate.
- Entry to the web based database, which is freely accessible to clients searching for new contractors.
- PR help to generate press coverage in local newspapers and trade journals.
- Promotional support, including advertising under the **safecontractor** banner for standard line rates in the Yellow Pages.

When going through the accreditation process:

- Health and safety support including safety newsletter, health and safety guidance notes and access to the free 24 hour health and safety helpline on: **029 2085 9269**.

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- Access to the **safecontractor** scheme through Giles Insurance Brokers Ltd, one of the UK's largest independent brokers **safecontractor@gilesinsurance.co.uk**.
- Free legal advice from Abbey Legal Protection on any employment issues, minimising the financial consequences of employment disputes. Contact the Employment and Commercial Helpline on **0845 0742 795**.
- A free monthly Abbey Legal Employment Bulletin featuring editorial, latest news, industry sound bites, research and advice.
- Access to the **safecontractor** electronic membership newsletter and bulletins, keeping you updated on issues relevant to you.

- Access to VANILLAcotts' powerful communication solutions and mobile applications, which will help you meet the demands of health and safety guidelines and 'Duty of Care' for your employees. Contact VANILLAcotts via **safe@vanillacotts.co.uk**.

Why is safecontractor necessary?

- Every organisation has a legal obligation to ensure that contractors who visit their premises operate in a safe way. Therefore, there is a need to assess their health and safety arrangements, which is being done increasingly through **safecontractor**.
- Many large organisations use **safecontractor's** central web database as their primary means of

selecting contractors for work on their premises. **safecontractor** is effectively their approved contractor list.

- **safecontractor** manages clients' individual lists and updates them daily to show those who are accredited and those who are not.

Support is provided throughout the accreditation process including:

- A direct phone number to the delegated auditor who is dealing with your application.
- Guidance notes on a variety of health and safety subjects.
- Responseline's health and safety advice and information centre to answer your technical questions.
- Telephone support to assist with the development of safety policies, risk assessments etc.
- Concise feedback with clear recommendations.

For further information please telephone one of our advisors on: 029 2026 6242

Working together to make your business safe

Paramount

Craig Astle, Managing Director of Cleaning Services firm Paramount Services (UK), whose clients include blue-chip companies across the Midlands said: "Health and safety has always been top of our agenda, and securing **safecontractor** accreditation has allowed us to demonstrate this more readily to clients and potential clients. Third-party accreditation also helps us to develop our business because a growing number of clients now use this approach in their procurement process. Paramount adheres to best practice in health and safety and we specifically chose **safecontractor** because we believe it applies the highest standards and therefore commands widest respect in industry."

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