



SAFE CONTRACTOR

Following a review of our procurement and contractor management processes we have changed how we collect and update our records for contractors' Health & Safety and Insurance documentation. We believe that this new approach to our contractor management will bring benefits to Redpath Bruce, our clients and our preferred suppliers.

The management of this service now falls under the Safe Contractor accreditation scheme.

Who are Safe Contractor and what do they do?

Safe Contractor are a UK wide Health & Safety assessment scheme with over 28,000 contractor members. Many organisations, small, medium and large use Safe Contractor to reduce Health & Safety risks and to maintain their existing contractor and service provider base, whilst also providing a selection of new, pre-approved contractors. Key benefits of using the Safe Contractor service are:

- **Reducing risk**, ensuring that contractors have suitable and sufficient health and safety processes.
- **Meeting the legal health and safety requirements** and providing the supporting evidence.
- **Providing visibility of current contractors** via the online client portal, which also recommends new, approved contractors.
- **Cost-effectively managing contractor lists**, relieving the costly administrative burden of maintaining Contractor Health and Safety compliance documentation internally.
- **Delivering dedicated client support** to implement and facilitate the Safe Contractor scheme
- **Offering a flexible service**, tailor-made to meet our business requirements, including over 400 different contractor work activities.

Why do Redpath Bruce use only contractors who are Safe Contractor accredited?

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations contain specific legal requirements on homeowners who are having any kind of construction work carried out by a contractor at their property. As your managing agent we can assist you in complying with these requirements to protect you and your legal liabilities. Only using contractors who are members of Safe Contractor, we can ensure all contractors appointed on your behalf have successfully completed a relevant, formal Health & Safety accreditation process. More information can be found on the HSE website [here](#).

Do we need contractors to have this accreditation who only carry out small tasks or one off jobs?

The new legal requirements apply to all construction work regardless of the size or duration of the job.

Can an owner instruct a local company who is not accredited?

If you wish to appoint a contractor who is not on our Redpath Bruce preferred contractor list, we cannot instruct them nor can we settle their invoice on your behalf. If you instruct a contractor to carry out common work, you will be required to settle their invoice. It would be advisable to check with the other owners concerned if they are agreeable to this and that funds may require to be in place prior to contractor instruction.