

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Introduction

Belfast Harbour recognises that effective health and safety management systems, actions and performance are fundamental to our business.

Scope

Operation, maintenance and development of the Port and Non-Port activities within Belfast Harbour.

Purpose


We consider it a priority to reduce the health and safety risks to our employees and other stakeholders to a level as low as reasonably practical.

In order to achieve this we will:

- Establish and maintain a positive Safety Culture which encourages and enables all employees to be involved in Health & Safety through:
 - Safety conversations
 - Identification and improvement of Health & Safety issues
- Endeavour to prevent injury and ill health.
- Comply with all applicable health and safety legislation, regulations, Approved Codes of Practice, recognised standards and conform to other requirements to which we subscribe including:
 - ISO 45001:2018
 - The Port Marine Safety Code
 - The HSE Approved Code of Practice for Working in Docks
 - The Port Sector Safety Plan and Port Skills and Safety – Safety in Ports Guidance
- Set measurable health and safety objectives and targets supported by a Health & Safety strategy and action management programme.
- Systematically identify and assess health and safety risks associated with our activities.
- Mitigate and control identified hazards and risks in order to conduct our activities safely.
- Develop, maintain, communicate and test emergency plans and procedures.
- Facilitate the consultation and participation of employees, other workers and interested parties on health, and safety issues as appropriate.
- Ensure that employees are competent to carry out their work and understand the impact their actions and behaviour may have for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Provide our employees (and where appropriate customers, contractors and suppliers) with adequate information, training and supervision to enable them to understand and discharge their responsibilities for compliance with this policy.
- Communicate this policy to all persons working for and on behalf of Belfast Harbour Commissioners and make this policy available to the Public and other interested parties.
- Periodically review effectiveness and evaluate compliance to identify and exploit opportunities to continually improve our health and safety performance and systems.

Policy Review

This Policy Statement is periodically reviewed by the Leadership Team to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate to the scope of activities conducted by Belfast Harbour.



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