

# **WORK SAFE (REFUSAL TO WORK) POLICY**

The Health & Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974 requires Alltask Ltd to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Health and Safety of our employees and anyone else who may be affected by our acts or omissions.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that all employees are aware of the manner in which Alltask Ltd gives the opportunity to stop working, should employees consider the working environment or the working practice to be unsafe.

In order to carry out this policy, responsibilities for Health and Safety have been clearly defined, allocated and accepted at all levels. All employees must play their part in implementing this policy if safety standards are to constantly improve.

The Refusal to Work process is as follows:

- If an employee (individual) believes that a task or condition will endanger either themselves or others, work should cease and the situation be immediately reported to the person in charge on site (Alltask Ltd representative as appropriate).
- The situation will then be reviewed by the person in charge on site and consideration will be given to the safety impact on the individual and others. Wherever possible, immediate and appropriate action must be taken to resolve the situation.
- As a result of the review, the system of work will either be confirmed as safe or amended. If the individual is satisfied with this outcome, they will resume work.
- If the individual remains dissatisfied, the person in charge will contact the Alltask Ltd Contracts Manager providing all the relevant details / background to the situation.
- If the situation cannot be resolved, a full review of works will be undertaken by the Contracts Manager against all legislative, Railway Group, Network Rail Company standards and industry best practice to determine the safety impact of the task or condition.
- If the full review fails to produce a satisfactory outcome, the disputed system of work will cease and Alltask Ltd's H & S Advisor and the customer will be informed as soon as practically possible.
- The H & S Advisor will liaise with the customer to consider the disputed working arrangements, making any necessary changes and advise the Contracts Manager accordingly.
- Changes to working arrangements will be documented and implemented by the Director. This may include amendments to internal work instructions, processes, risk, aspect and COSHH assessments. Additional levels of training and competence may be required by individuals or further briefings as appropriate.
- Full details of the eventual, agreed outcome will be forwarded to the complainant and the customer where appropriate. Suitable records will be maintained.
- Disciplinary action will not be taken against any individual who initiates the work safe process based on concern for workplace safety.

The arrangements in place to implement this policy form part of the company's day to day operational procedures and as such are reviewed on a continuous basis. Where opportunities for improvement in safety standards or safety problems are identified they will be tackled promptly, with sufficient resources, to ensure that they are adequately dealt with, implemented and briefed to all employees.

This policy statement will be formally reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed:



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