



Health & Safety Policy

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1.0 General Statement of Intent

Waterseekers Well Drilling Services Ltd. is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees, customers, members of the public and anyone else who are affected by our operations.

The company commits to operating in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work (etc) Act 1974, The Management of Health & Safety Regulations and all other current applicable regulations and codes of practice, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The management will ensure that significant risks are assessed and suitable and sufficient measures are adopted to allow each employee/contractor to carry out his/her duties safely and without risk to health. Suitable equipment will be provided and maintained in a safe condition, and safe systems of work will be devised.

The company shall strive to achieve continuous improvement in Health & Safety performance.

Waterseekers Well Drilling Services Ltd.'s Management will provide all necessary resources including time to ensure that all Health and Safety matters are adequately funded. This includes, training, personal protective equipment, adequate equipment/tools, maintenance for this equipment, external advice where necessary and any other resource necessary to ensure the Health and Safety of our staff.

Each employee/contractor will be made aware of his/her responsibility for his/her own health and safety and that of others. All employees/contractors will be given the opportunity to consult with the management on matters relating to Health & Safety, or to appoint a representative to do so.

Where necessary the company will arrange or provide suitable training for both management and operatives, in particular where new work practices or equipment are introduced.

The company will seek external advice as necessary to keep its health & safety policy, working practices and equipment up to date and in accordance with current legislation.

Ultimate responsibility in all areas of safety rests with the Managing Director / Proprietor / Owner. This duty is of no less importance than any of the responsibilities attached to that position.

Reviews of Health and Safety Policy will be made annually no later than 1 year after the date on this policy. The monitoring of all issues relating to this policy is the responsibility of the Managing Director / Proprietor / Owner.

Signed:

Lee Hormell

29 March 2016

Lee Hormell
Director

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd

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2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

Organisation and Managerial Responsibilities;

The company is owned and managed by Lee Hormell who is directly responsible for Health and Safety matters within the company. The responsible person will seek external assistance where necessary to ensure that the company meets both its statutory obligations and the objectives laid down in this Health & Safety Policy.

We use HS Direct Ltd (0114 2444461) for gaining help and advice with Health & safety matters where required.

The organisation of the workforce is the responsibility of Lee Hormell, who holds the position of Director and who is responsible for ensuring that the company's Health & Safety Policy and associated procedures are implemented by all site operatives.

Day to day management of the company's operations is the responsibility of Gerrard Blakemore who may be supported by site managers, each responsible for one site or customer premises. Depending on the size and nature of the site, the responsible person may be supported by one or more supervisors responsible for the direct supervision of the company operatives.

Employee/Contractor Responsibilities;

Each and every employee/contractor has a statutory duty to take reasonable care in relation to his/her own health & safety, and the health and safety of any other person who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions.

Therefore, it shall be the duty of all Employees/Contractors whilst at work:

To take reasonable care for the Health & Safety of themselves and others, who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work

To co-operate with the employer to ensure compliance with all the company Health & Safety policies and procedures

To refrain from intentional or reckless interference with equipment and/or systems provided in the interest of Health, Safety and the Environment

To co-operate with management when required on such things as accident prevention and all procedures with regard to Health, Safety and the Environment as set out in the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act and the Environmental Protection Act (as amended), and all associated Regulations and ACOPs

To maintain good standards of housekeeping in our premises and on client premises

To report any accident or incident including near-misses (whether or not personal injury results) to the office

To report any defects in equipment without delay to their immediate Supervisor and not to attempt repairs which they have not been authorised and specifically trained to undertake

To ensure that no potentially hazardous item, substance or machine is brought on to site or used without the prior knowledge and authority of their immediate Supervisor

To use and if applicable wear any item of Personal Protective Equipment. It is a requirement of law that any equipment supplied for safety must be used, and when not in use it is properly cleaned, stored and maintained.

To undergo any Health, Safety, Environmental and operational training deemed necessary by the company

Staff Consultation;

If an employee/contractor becomes aware of any potential breaches of health & safety law, or unsafe working practices he/she must notify the MD or Site manager.

If an employee/contractor feels that health & safety procedures may be improved, for example by use of alternative equipment, he/she will be encouraged to discuss any suggestions with the management.

Specific Safety Functions and Named Responsibilities;

Safety Function	Person Responsible
Risk Assessments	Lee Hormell
Method Statements	Lee Hormell
First Aider	Gerrard Blakemore
Accident Reporting	Gerrard Blakemore
Equipment Inspection	Gerrard Blakemore/Lee Hormel
Toolbox Talks	Gerrard Blakemore

3.0 Arrangements

This section defines our company arrangements and policies for dealing with our activities.

3.1 Safety Audits and Monitoring

At regular intervals the MD or his nominated representative will carry out a health & safety audit. The audit will consider the effectiveness of the welfare facilities; emergency procedures, safe methods of work etc. identified at the outset, and will identify any corrective action required. Where the MD considers it necessary in order to maintain the desired level of health & safety, they may seek the assistance of an external Health & Safety Advisor in carrying out audits and identifying corrective actions.

3.2 Health & Safety Records

All records will be kept by the MD, in written form indicated in the various appendices. Such records will include:

- Equipment Inspections
- COSHH Assessments
- Generic Risk Assessments
- Staff Training and Induction Records

In addition to the above general records, the following contract specific records will be maintained for each major contract.

- Contract Start-up information
- Specific Risk assessment
- Method Statements and Safe systems of work.
- Accident Record Book

3.3 Personal Protective Equipment

The need for Personal Protective Equipment will be determined through risk assessment and will be provided by Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd free of charge. The relevant PPE must be worn at all times whilst carrying out work and in compliance with any mandatory requirements of specific sites. Details of the correct PPE will be made available to employees within the risk assessments and method statements relevant to the works. No employee/contractor will be permitted to start work without the correct PPE and the necessary information, instruction and training to enable him to utilise the equipment correctly and without risks to safety and health. It will be the responsibility of each contract manager and his site foreman to monitor the wearing of PPE on sites under their control. Persons found to be persistently breaching PPE rules will be subject to disciplinary procedures which may include ejection from site.

3.4 Equipment Inspections & Records

The User must carry out a daily visual inspection of any equipment prior to its use, and must immediately report any defect, or suspected defect to the Supervisor.

The Responsible Person will arrange 6 monthly inspections of all company equipment to include ladders, other access to height, PPE, tools, machines etc, and will keep a record of such inspections in compliance with PUWER.

Works transport will be visually checked by the designated person on a regular frequency to ensure correct operation of all functions and maintenance of fluid and pressure levels.

Servicing and MOT testing will be carried out in compliance with manufacturer recommendation and current vehicle regulations. For the purposes of record keeping, each item of equipment shall have its own unique reference, which shall be clearly marked on it. Markings must be maintained so that they are clearly discernible at all times.

Where an inspection reveals a defect, it will be the responsibility of the MD/ Site Manager to ensure that the equipment is not used until such time as a suitable repair has been effected. If the equipment is beyond repair it must be discarded, whether or not a suitable replacement is available, and any work relying on the use of such equipment must be suspended until a suitable replacement is available.

3.5 Accident Reporting & Investigation

It is the policy of Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd that **all** accidents, incidents and near misses are reported to the site and recorded into the company's accident record book which is kept online in our Safety First Package.

The main objective of accident, incidents, near misses reporting and investigation is to reduce incidents and prevent future accidents.

It will be the responsibility of the MD or his nominated representative to notify the Health & Safety Executive in respect of any accident or occurrence for which notification is required by the:

Current - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations

The following must be reported:

- Deaths
- Specified injuries to members of the public on our premises and taken to hospital.
- Over 7 day injuries – where an employee or self-employed person is injured at work and away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days. This must be reported to the HSE using appropriate forms within 15 days of the accident.
- Some work-related diseases as per RIDDOR
- A dangerous occurrence – where something happens that does not result in an injury, but could have done.
- Gas Safe registered gas fitters must also report dangerous gas fittings they find, and gas conveyors / suppliers must report some flammable gas incidents

Any accident resulting in more than minor injuries or incident which might have resulted in serious injury will be investigated by the MD or his nominated representative. Depending upon the circumstances of the accident, the MD or his nominated representative may seek the assistance of an external Health & Safety Advisor, both in the investigation and the formulation of preventative procedures to avoid repetition.

A study of the circumstances will help to reduce or remove the causes.

- When the reports are examined over a period of time, it can be seen whether preventative measures have been effective in reducing accidents.
- If these objectives are to be attained, investigation and reporting must be accurate, complete and consistent.
- All accidents and incidents resulting in injury to employees and/or to any other persons or near misses on the premises or sites that Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd employees are working on must be reported immediately to Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd site foreman and or to the site Duty holder or PC and be recorded in the company Accident book and reporting systems.
- Where there is more than one person injured in the accident a separate page should be used for each person.
- All relevant questions must be completed for every accident resulting in personal injury.

- Care should be taken in completing the Accident Report Form and the Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd Supervisor wherever possible should ensure that the injured person reads the entries recorded on his behalf.
- Care should also be taken when stating the nature of the injury. Unless a medical certificate has been submitted.

3.6 Transport & Company Vehicle Safety

It is the policy of Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd to only employ drivers who are competent.

Driver approval and competence

A person may only operate company vehicles if he or she;

1. Has held a full UK license for a minimum of 2 years
2. Has not been disqualified from driving for drink and/or drug offences in the last 5 years nor has any prosecution pending
3. Holds the correct license for the type of vehicle being operated

Drivers must inform the company of any circumstances that may lead a driver to being unfit for driving duties.

Drivers must inform the office immediately they become aware of any pending prosecution for any driving offence.

All drivers will be asked to provide detail of driving licence number, national insurance number and Post Code registered on driving licence in order that annual checks may be made on applicable vehicle licences and any penalty points registered.

3.7 Machinery Operation

All employees/contractors who are required to operate machinery or plant will have the appropriate training and be assessed to determine competency. Where required, the individual will hold a current license to operate such machinery or plant. It is company policy to take severe disciplinary action against any person found to be operating machinery without the necessary competence.

3.8 Machinery Maintenance

All machines including power tools, jet wash equipment, saws, drills etc shall be subject to regular inspection by the contract managers, who will withdraw damaged or unsuitable equipment from service immediately. All machinery shall also be subject to maintenance and service as per the manufacturers instruction and maintenance schedule OR at least annually and records held.

3.9 First Aid Arrangements

The MD or his nominated representative will ensure that as a minimum the organisation has an Appointed Person for first aid. The appointed person will be responsible for maintaining the first aid kit and taking charge after an accident, this includes calling for a person qualified in first aid or ambulance if necessary. Where visits are carried out to other premises, the person responsible for Health & Safety will ascertain the first aid procedures to be followed, and details will be provided to all organisation employees/contractors required to work in or on such premises.

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd first aid names will be displayed on the office notice board.

3.10 COSHH Assessments

For all materials or substances utilised which may be hazardous to health, a formal COSHH Assessment will be carried out by the MD or his nominated representative. A register of hazardous substances shall be kept at the head office along with all relevant Safety Data Sheets. A copy of relevant COSHH Assessment(s) will be communicated to the operative(s) providing instruction for safe use.

3.11 Manual Handling Assessments

The MD or his nominated representative will carry out specific manual handling assessments for any necessary operation which has been highlighted as requiring a detailed assessment by the general risk assessment. Where practical, manual handling should be avoided by utilising mechanical means to minimise the risks arising from manual handling.

Manual handling assessments will consider the load to be handled, e.g. tools, equipment, materials etc, its size and weight, the individual, the task and the environment in which the task takes place.

The assessment will also consider the possibility of kinetic lifting techniques to assist the movement of an object and to minimise the risks arising from manual handling.

3.12 Method Statements (Safe Operating Procedures)

Work Instructions (Method Statements) will be developed for all company operations. Information from the risk assessments will be used to formulate these documents which will be used in training and given to members of staff, the work instructions will be reviewed and updated either periodically or when something significant changes. Method statements are written using our online system and are made available to customers prior to works commencing.

3.13 Risk Assessments

The MD or his nominated representative will prepare a generic risk assessment covering the common risks encountered in the company's normal business. If necessary, external assistance will be sought to carry out the generic risk assessments. The significant findings of the risk assessments will be relayed to all staff.

The MD or his nominated representative will carry out site specific risk assessment for new sites where company employees/contractors are obliged to work. Such assessments will consider the health and safety of employee/contractors and the public on site. In particular the company is aware of the number of serious injuries from the incidence of Slips, Trips and Falls. The MD therefore will pay particular attention to eliminating these hazards from each site.

All Risk Assessments will be produced using our online management system and are made available to all clients upon request. Employees should have a copy of risk assessments for the work they carry out.

3.14 Environmental Protection

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd has a policy to comply with the current Environmental Protection Act, other associated statutory legislation and Approved Codes of Practice (ACOP). This applies to all those who are employed within the company or who are protected by its undertakings. Employees are asked to co-operate in the operation of this policy and make a positive contribution to environmental protection by

making themselves aware of the firm's environmental policy and complying with the control measures in place. This may include compliance with the requirements of a Site Waste Management Plan where relevant. The policy is on display on the Company Main H&S notice board and is also available to interested parties on request.

3.15 Alcohol and Controlled Drugs

It is categorically forbidden for employees to enter sites or places of work, to drive a vehicle, use or operate plant and equipment, or to assist or supervise in its use, whether on or off company business, in an unfit state due to the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs and other substances, such as glue. Disciplinary action will be taken if you are caught in the possession of illegal drugs on Company or Client property or in Company vehicles. Employees taking medicines or prescribed drugs under the direction of their G.P, Dentist, or Hospital Doctor that may affect their ability to carry out their work duties have a duty of care responsibility and must notify their immediate Manager.

3.16 Environmental Waste Management & Pollution Control

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd recognises the importance of meeting their legal requirements and to manage its waste responsibly, reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill and maximise reuse and recycling where possible

Waste is unwanted materials, substances, equipment arising from commercial or industrial activities and includes:

Building and demolition materials; Substances/chemicals (toxic or otherwise); Discarded or broken utensils or equipment; Contaminated soil, materials, plant etc.

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd management shall identify potential waste disposal requirements of a project and make adequate provision to ensure its suitably managed disposal in accordance with the current Controlled Waste Regulations.

Management shall determine the nature of the waste for disposal and shall ensure that suitable assessment is undertaken, that appropriate safe working procedures are devised and suitable containment of waste confirmed.

Where undertaking removal of waste materials or products, management shall ensure that they are registered as a carrier in accordance with the Controlled Waste (The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations). Where contract carriers, are to be engaged to remove the waste, management shall confirm those appointed are suitably registered to undertake the business and shall confirm the proposed method and location of disposal.

Waterseekers Drilling Services Ltd shall:

- Ensure that waste management is performed in accordance with all waste legislative requirements, including the duty of care, and to plan for future legislative changes and to mitigate their effects.
- Minimise waste generation at source and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over the disposal of wastes, where it is cost effective.
- To coordinate each activity within the waste management chain.
- Promote environmental awareness in order to increase and encourage waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.
- Ensure the safe handling and storage of wastes on site
- Provide appropriate training for staff, on waste management issues.
- Where the site waste is the responsibility of the principal contractor the company will cooperate with the site rules as applicable.

3.17 Electricity at Work

All work associated with an electrical system shall be undertaken in strict compliance with the Electricity at Work Regulations.

Only competent and qualified electricians are permitted to work on electrical equipment and systems including changing of fuses, carrying out repairs or maintenance of electrical equipment and installation of accessories.

A Permit to Work will be required when live working or testing and must only be carried out by competent and trained persons. Lone working is not allowed when live work takes place.

