

BRITISH PRECAST

Terms of Reference for Health and Safety Steering Group

1 Objective

To improve health and safety amongst British Precast members and the wider UK precast industry with the aim of zero harm.

2 Relationship with other bodies

The Health and Safety (H&S) Steering Group of British Precast shall report to the Council of British Precast. The H&S Steering Group shall be represented on Council by the Chairman and/or Secretary of the H&S Steering Group.

The British Precast H&S Steering Group shall receive feedback from meetings held by the MPA H&S Committee. Additionally, the British Precast H&S Steering Group shall advise the MPA H&S Committee of any specific issues relating to precast concrete.

The British Precast H&S Steering Group shall liaise with the H&S Committees of the various product groups.

The British Precast H&S Steering Group shall invite representatives of HSE to its meetings and events and a representative of the British Precast H&S Steering Group shall attend meetings of CHARGE.

3 Scope of activity

The British Precast H&S Steering Group shall:

- consider how it can assist and /or advise the British Precast membership in meeting the pledges contained in the Precast Sector Health & Safety Charter;
- share information between British Precast members concerning incidents, including near misses and high potentials;
- encourage British Precast members to promote attendance of relevant Safety & Health Awareness Days (SHADs) by their employees, and
- review the 'Code of Practice for the Safe Stressing of Prestressed Concrete Products' at regular intervals to determine its suitability and whether the code of practice requires revision or supplementary documentation.

The British Precast H&S Steering Group may identify additional activity to fulfil its objective. It may also be requested by British Precast Council or members of the British Precast H&S Steering Group to carry out, support or promote additional H&S related activities

The British Precast H&S Steering Group, whilst working with other bodies as outlined in Section 2, is the primary body for taking responsibility for health and safety matters in the precast sector. It is beneficial for some activity to be undertaken at a higher umbrella level (MPA) or at a more specific level (British Precast product groups), but the majority of activity is most effectively done at a British Precast level. This arises from the nature of the processes and structure of the UK precast industry.