

## SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK



### Customer / Client

Ministry of Defence and Turner Facilities Management Ltd using the MoD Mandated Safe Systems of Work as defined in JSP 375 Health and Safety manual Volume 3.

### Project

The Ministry of Defence Mandated Safe Systems of Work apply to specifically defined criteria for Confined Spaces and Restricted High Places. The legacy from the Property Services Agency (PSA) has been carried through into current schedules and registers. The Defence Estates Specification 005 Issue 3 Tasks 530 and 531 gives an item description of "Masts, Towers, Flagpoles and Statues" which is a hangover from PSA. Defence Estates let Project Aquatrine which removed the bulk of the known Permanent Confined Spaces from the Maintenance Management Organisation Contracts.  
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### Challenge

The Schedules and Registers produced during the Property Services Agency have been rewritten, altered and adapted for the present application of the MoD Mandated Safe Systems of Work. The resulting effect is an expansion in the perceived schedules and registers requiring the applications of the Safe Systems of Work.

The challenge in this instance was to re-evaluate all of the Schedules and Registers.

### Solution

All previous Schedules and Registers were set aside and all assets received afresh. All systems and facilities were reviewed against the Safe Systems of Work criteria set down in the MoD Joint Services Publication (JSP) 375 Health and Safety manual Volume 3.

This total review much reduced the registered facilities and equipment.

For example the JSP 375 Volume 3 Chapter 7 Working at Height on Restricted High Places relates to climbing ladders and access ways not the Masts, Towers and Flagpoles. This automatically removed structures without ladder access from the PSA schedules.

Similarly spaces that do not fulfil on of the "Specified Risk" criteria set down in the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997.

### Client Benefit

The rationalisation of the Registers and Schedules to match the systems, installations and facilities defined in JSP 375 Volume 3 has brought the application of the Safe Systems of Work into focus. This has resulted in reducing resources and training courses and ultimately the costs.