Unit 105: Protecting health, safety and the environment when working in the construction and built environment sector

# Worksheet 5: Health and Safety Executive (HSE) (tutor)

1. What is the role of the HSE?

* HSE is a body set up by the government. The HSE ensures that the law is carried out correctly and has extensive powers to ensure that it can do its job. It can make spot checks in the workplace, bring the police, examine anything on the premises and take things away to be examined.
* HSE is the national independent watchdog for work-related health, safety and illness.
* It is an independent regulator and acts in the public interest to reduce work-related death and serious injury across Great Britain’s workplaces.
* Its mission is to prevent death, injury and ill health in UK workplaces.

1. What is a prohibition notice?

This is issued by an HSE or local authority inspector when there is an immediate risk of personal injury. These notices are not issued lightly and, if you are on the receiving end of one, you are clearly breaking a health and safety regulation.

1. What is an improvement notice?

This is issued by an HSE or local authority inspector to formally notify a company that improvements are needed to the way it is working.