Unit 201: Employment and employability in the construction sector (Tutor)

# Worksheet 13: Scope of responsibility

**Task:** Answer the following questions about your potential scope of responsibility as a tradesperson in the construction industry.

1 What is the scope of responsibility for a tradesperson in the UK construction industry?

The scope of responsibility for a tradesperson in the UK construction industry includes ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations, following building codes and standards, and delivering quality workmanship.

2 Why is it important for a tradesperson to have a good understanding of their responsibilities?

A tradesperson’s understanding of their responsibilities enables them to make informed decisions when rectifying problems, which can help to ensure compliance with regulations, improve safety and deliver quality work.

3 How can a tradesperson ensure they are meeting their responsibilities?

A tradesperson can ensure they are meeting their responsibilities by regularly updating their knowledge of building codes and regulations, seeking clarification from their supervisor when needed, and following established procedures and protocols.

4 What are some potential consequences of a tradesperson failing to meet their responsibilities?

The consequences of a tradesperson failing to meet their responsibilities can include injury or harm to themselves or others, damage to property, legal liability and reputational damage to themselves or their employer.

5 How can employers support their tradespeople in meeting their responsibilities?

Employers can support their tradespeople in meeting their responsibilities by providing adequate training and resources, establishing clear procedures and protocols, and fostering a culture of safety and compliance within the workplace.

6 What are some situations where it might be necessary to involve a supervisor in problem-solving as a tradesperson in the UK construction industry?

Some situations where it might be necessary to involve a supervisor include complex problems, safety issues, lack of resources, regulatory compliance and client changing the design or requests.

7 How can tradespeople determine when it is appropriate to pass on responsibility for problem-solving to a supervisor?

Tradespeople can use their judgement to determine when to involve a supervisor by considering factors such as the complexity of the problem, the level of risk involved and the resources available to address the problem.

8 Why is it important to involve a supervisor in problem-solving in cases where the problem poses a risk to safety or health?

Involving a supervisor in cases where the problem poses a risk to safety or health is important because the supervisor can assess the situation and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all involved.

9 How can effective communication with supervisors help in problem-solving as a tradesperson?

Effective communication with supervisors is important in problem-solving as it ensures that everyone involved is aware of the situation and can work together to find a solution. It also helps to ensure that the tradesperson has the necessary support and resources to address the problem effectively.