

Press Release

Top Safety Accreditation for Acol Cleaning & Hygiene LTD

Acol Cleaning & Hygiene has again been awarded accreditation from safecontractor for their commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety.

The Southampton based firm received accreditation from SAFEcontractor, a programme which recognises very high standards of health and safety management amongst UK contractors.

Specialising in the Cleaning and Hygiene industries, Acol's clients include major players such as Vail Williams, The University of Southampton and Mainstay Group.

The company's mission to be the '**preferred choice**' in the industry continues to exceed client expectations with SAFEcontractor providing a uniform standard across the business.

SAFEcontractor accreditation is expected to enhance the company's ability to attract new contracts and its commitment to safety will be viewed positively by its insurers when the company liability policy is up for renewal.

John Kinge, Head of Risk at SAFEcontractor said, "*Major organisations simply cannot afford to run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have a sound health and safety structure in place.*"

"More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that Acol has done. The firm's high standard has set an example.

Under the SAFEcontractor system, businesses undergo a vetting process, which examines health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice. Those companies meeting the high standard are included on a database, which is accessible to registered users only via a website, **www.safecontractor.com**

Employer-organisations who sign up to the scheme can access the database, enabling them to vet potential contractors before they even set foot on site. These employers agree that, as users of the scheme, they will engage only those who have received accreditation.

Over one hundred and seventy major nation-wide businesses, from several key sectors, have signed up to use the scheme when selecting contractors for services such as building, cleaning, maintenance, refurbishment or electrical and mechanical work.

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Note to editors:

safecontractor is a third party accreditation scheme that assesses health and safety arrangements. Many major clients recognise the scheme and accept the safecontractor certificate as confirmation of competency.

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