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Let's face it – how confident are you that your commercial drivers are truly prioritising safety on the roads? Can you be certain that daily walk-around checks are performed accurately? How do you know your drivers are actually getting out of their cabs to inspect their windscreens and tyres before ticking every box and going on their way? For many commercial fleets, the truth is that you don't.

It is well-documented that driving for work is one of the most dangerous things you can ask your employees to do. A staggering 33% of road deaths and 20% of serious injuries involve someone driving for work. So what are you doing about it?

The reality of road safety in commercial fleets

Managing a fleet of commercial vehicles is no easy task. The logistical challenges are immense, and ensuring the safety of each driver is paramount. However, safety protocols can often become mere checkboxes in a long list of daily duties. When the pressure is on to meet delivery schedules and performance targets, it's easy for thorough inspections to fall by the wayside.

But this isn't just about meeting regulatory requirements or avoiding fines. The human cost is significant. When a driver skips a safety check, it could lead to severe consequences – an accident that could have been

prevented, injuries, or even fatalities. These incidents not only affect the driver and their family but can also have a profound impact on your business, from increased insurance premiums to the potential loss of contracts.

The importance of thorough walk-around checks

Daily walk-around checks are a crucial part of ensuring vehicle safety. These inspections are designed to catch potential issues before they become serious problems. A cracked windscreen might seem like a minor issue, but it can obstruct the driver's view and become a major hazard. Worn tyres can lead to blowouts, especially at high speeds, putting the driver and others on the road at risk.

Ensuring that these checks are carried out properly is vital. This means making sure that your drivers are not just ticking boxes but are actually getting out of their cabs and performing the inspections thoroughly. However, manual checks can be inconsistent. Fatigue, complacency, or simple oversight can lead to missed steps, and without a robust system in place, these errors can go unnoticed until it's too late.

Choosing CheckedSafe for safer roads

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reports in real-time, identify outstanding tasks and vehicle defects, and schedule services with our intuitive system. We also offer secure data storage and a clear end-to-end audit trail, so that you can protect your business in the event of investigations.

Don't just tick boxes, commit to comprehensive safety

Don't wait for a serious incident to highlight the gaps in your safety protocols. Act proactively to mitigate risks and ensure that every journey your drivers make is a safe one. With CheckedSafe, you gain peace of mind knowing that your fleet is compliant, your drivers are protected, and your business is safeguarded against avoidable accidents and their associated costs. Prioritise safety, protect your drivers, and ensure the longevity of your business with CheckedSafe.

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IAS: Success at APF 2024 and exclusive new Socage product

Independent Access Sales (IAS) sell market-leading manufactured platforms, such as Easylift Spider Platforms, SOGAGE Truck Mounting Platforms.

Based in Huntingdon, IAS has gone from a relative newcomer on the market to selling million-marked machines over the last two years. One the main reasons for the company's success is the focus on solid customer service. Founder Richard Martin has 35 years' previous sector experience across scaffolding, supervisory roles and surveying and understands the industry inside out.

With a focus on brand awareness, IAS brought its Easylift Spider Platforms and SOGAGE truck-mounted platforms to the APF Show from the 19th-21st September at Ragley Estate, Warwickshire. APF has been running since 1976 and is a respected dedicated biannual event for the whole forestry, woodland, arboriculture, firewood,



fencing, tree and timber sectors. It's the largest of its kind and attracted 23,000 visitors this year.

"APF 2024 was a huge success for us. We met lots of knowledgeable end-users, with a huge appetite for the latest machinery. As a biannual event, it had an extra buzz, with lots of strategic talk. We had lots of hot enquiries and sold a SOGAGE 24D double-articulated truck platform during the three-day event. This product has been precision-designed with safety in mind, with automatic stabilisation as standard. It can reach a working height of 23.60M and a lateral reach of 12,70M with a maximum load of 300kg: perfect for all tree surgery jobs. The SOGAGE 24D is set up to approach heights without risk of collision and with improved precision, which is ideal for manoeuvres like tree pruning." added Richard.

The Easylift Spider Platforms are also ideal for tree surgeons: with the range available from 13M up to 53M. The Easylift platforms give the owner

operator assurance and flexibility in business: simply put – more control over what to do in different environments. For tree surgeons, this allows operators the advantage of closing the Easylift Spider Platform down to less than 1M working width to take down a narrow footpath in a forest, to setting up on a hill to work at great height.

"We are delighted to report that from early next year, we will be supplying the SOGAGE 75M – which will be the largest SOGAGE access platform in the UK: a market-first. Contact us now for further information!"

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How to take our courses:

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Learn from our experts:

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The UK's growing emphasis on retrofitting homes presents a critical need. We address this need by

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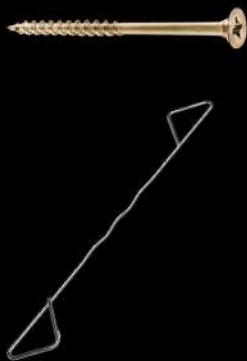
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Olympus Crew have the ability to travel all over the UK and even overseas when required. The team is made up of diverse skillsets including carpentry, audio visual, physical and mental strength, as well as forklift and IPAF operators.

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One-stop-shop for indoor and outdoor sports and leisure spaces

The UK has seen an explosion in indoor recreational spaces, from trampoline parks, Ninja Warrior courses to soft play centres.

The first indoor Trampoline Parks opened in 2014 and over the last ten years, over 150 parks have opened. From corporate days out, to children's parties and clubs, trampoline parks are a growing industry.

Ninja Warrior Courses have likewise sprung up in major cities across the country, all inspired by the ITV hit programme Ninja Warrior UK. From Leicester to Liverpool, children and teenagers of all ages put their Ninja skills to the test in a series of physical obstacle courses.

Soft Play Centres hardly need an introduction, as most aunts, grandparents, and parents will have taken their child or younger relative to one at some point. Come rain or shine, all year round, soft play centres provide hours of safe, sociable fun for babies,



toddlers and children. Designed for children to let off steam, the integrated slides, ball pits and play areas are perfect for weekly meet ups and children's parties.

For companies looking to increase franchises and open new centres, it's always good to use manufacturers renowned for professionalism, expertise and excellent customer service. The Playcraft Group fits the bill with 40 years' children's play industry and 25 years' play centre attraction industry experience. Based in South Wales, the company offers a one-stop-shop for design, manufacturing, installing and maintaining trampoline parks, climbing walls, Ninja Warrior courses, adventure playgrounds and much more.

"We offer bespoke installations across the indoor and outdoor sports and leisure sector, as one of the few one-stop-shops in the industry. Our previous high-profile clients have included Disney, Land Rover and Cartoon Network and we work with farm parks, theme and holiday parks, schools, the FEC sector and more. We know the business inside out and we're happy to offer free 360° advice from business plans and models, to planning application support, insurance to franchising advice. From Jungle or Space themed soft play, climbing wall in a new upcoming urban space, to an exciting Ninja Warrior Course, we can do it all.

Currently we are working on a wheelchair-friendly, soft play section for a local soft play centre. We are adapting our soft play materials to incorporate the width of an electric or manual wheelchair. The end result will be an inclusive space for children in



wheelchairs. More and more soft play centres are adding sensory spaces (lights, textures etc) to support neurodiverse children, to increase inclusivity for children and their families," explains Mike Broadfield: founder, coach and consultant.

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E2 Media have recently unveiled their highly anticipated 2024 Awards of Excellence. Warwick Buildings Ltd, have secured the prestigious award for the second consecutive year. Their



exceptional dedication to providing unparalleled customer service has set them apart.

Warwick Buildings' outdoor buildings are designed to meet the growing demand for functional workspaces within the tranquillity of your home. These structures are crafted with precision and attention to detail, utilising high-quality timber. Whether for remote professionals or those looking for traditional office spaces, these garden offices are a perfect solution.

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Bluerun Ltd once again achieves excellence in the workplace

Upon reopening its doors in May 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic, Bluerun Ltd has gone from strength to strength with its trusted brand now being known as one of the best in the joinery industry that has recently attracted big name brands turned clients, Starbucks and Waitrose.



Of course, the company has the capabilities to manufacture most things from timber, hardwood, softwood, panels and sheet material. Some common items Bluerun Ltd manufacture for the domestic building market

include windows, doors (exterior and interior), bi-folding doors, staircases, bespoke storage units and wardrobes, all of which come with the option of being sprayed in primer or to a finish.

Since 2022, the company has continued to strengthen in terms of revenue and new business. It has managed to maintain a strong conversion rate despite the current economic crisis and has found that enquiries for larger jobs as opposed to 'single window' types of jobs has been more popular especially from domestic clients.

Based in Wimbish, near Saffron Walden in Essex, Bluerun manufactures quality, bespoke joinery items for the commercial market from door and window packers to shopfronts, reception desks, mainframes, pub doors, and years ago, even made a trebuchet for Stansted Mounfitchet castle!

If you're looking for items made from both hard and softwood or even veneered and painted panels, Bluerun can reproduce an array of items including replacement sashes, where it can manufacture a brand new one on a like for like basis, so the mouldings will match. Similarly, if a domestic client has found an image of a door that they would like reproduced, Bluerun can usually do that. Recently the company has started using a glass supplier that supplies them with stained glass effect units, complete with leading that has been aged and soldered.

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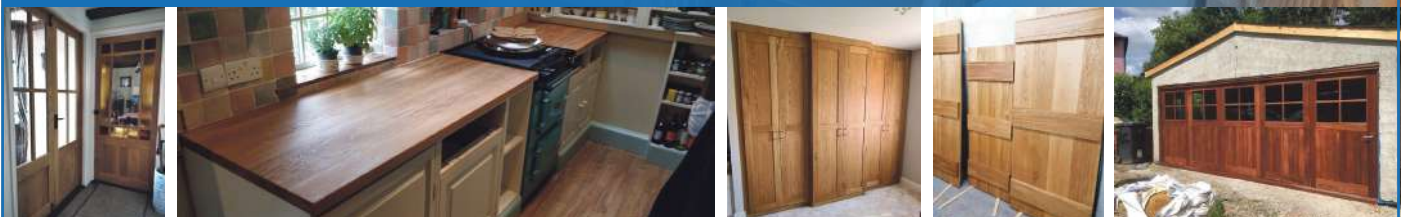
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Fennell Green and Bates have been involved in over 1,740 projects over the past 22 years dealing with contaminated land, ground stability issues, phase 1 contaminated desk top studies, phase 2 site investigation projects, coal mining risk assessments and soil sampling for housing, commercial and industrial developments in north of England and the Midlands. Our practice also acts as mineral advisors to several building materials companies and that work has taken our surveyors all over the UK and to Ireland, Europe, Russia, South Africa and Australia to work on a wide range of projects.

At present we are managing the remediation of a glass works tip on behalf of a client for the site to be used as housing after the materials on site have been processed and re-engineered on-site for the development platform. We have recently completed the verification of the works for a medium sized housing development in Yorkshire in a former quarry that has been backfilled with engineered fill from site.

Our team is experienced in all types of site engineering and soil management that includes materials testing that can save costs due to the re-use of these soils and a reduction in muck away.



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Upon gaining understanding of the specific needs, goals and desires of each client and their project, DCON Safety Consultants Limited is dedicated to implementing a design and construction management plan that will meet or exceed these requirements. And, DCON Safety Consultants Limited ensures that there is honesty, integrity, trust and professionalism underpinning every project.

Moreover, the company's services are centred on three delivery principles:

- **Maximising Quality:** The company implements proven health, safety and wellbeing strategies to help clients achieve high quality and cost-effective work commensurate with the design of their projects.
- **Minimising Risk:** The company effectively manages design and delivery risk on projects to match each client's desired risk level profile.
- **Managing Compliance:** The company relies on its extensive background working on a wide variety of projects to assist clients in developing, monitoring and maintaining compliance performance.

This excellent service would not be possible without the leadership of Diarmuid Condon, a construction industry leader who brings unique perspectives to encourage, support and mentor the abilities of his colleagues. As a construction professional with a surveying background and experience spanning two decades, Diarmuid is emblematic of DCON Safety Consultants Limited's commitment to providing outstanding services to clients.

Diarmuid has contributed his invaluable expertise to over 400 projects over 20 years, with a client list including public sector departments, corporate owners, real estate developers, main contractors, design professionals and infrastructural bodies. With this incredible portfolio, Diarmuid is helping DCON Safety Consultants Limited to become a leader in health and safety consultancy across the construction industry.

Key to DCON Safety Consultants Limited's services is working as a Project Supervisor for the Design Process and CDM Advisor in various



sectors across the Irish construction market. No project is too simple or too complex for the company's construction safety consultants, all of whom are construction professionals with an average of 20 years' experience in the built environment. The ability to maximise this knowledge and skillset means DCON Safety Consultants Limited can generate distinctive and innovative ideas from traditional PSDP service inputs and outputs.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited also provides its main contractor clients with intelligent, practical, and reasonable physical site safety advice to support compliance and good practice adherence. Behavioural safety outcomes inform how the company approaches each solution with the contractor and their supply chain, identifying opportunities for improvement.

To complement this, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can also help with clients' health and safety strategy. Its holistic and integrated approach can help unlock substantial benefits for clients by providing a structured, objective and SMART framework for full optimisation through the

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Pioneering sustainability with Recycled Plastic Innovations

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to spotlight Kedel as our top recommendation for eco-friendly plastic products in 2025.

This recommendation comes off the back of a fantastic year for Kedel. 2024 saw the company win double awards in the Feefo Trusted Service Awards 2024 as well as receive the Exceptional Service and Gold Trusted Service Awards 2024. These awards epitomise their exceptional customer experience across the board, which has been at the heart of Kedel operations since inception.

Kedel is a market-leading manufacturer and distributor of recycled plastic products, outdoor and park furniture. With a focus on sustainability, Kedel has been a front-runner in the industry since winning the 'Best Recycled Plastic Product' at the National Recycling Awards back in 2015.

Over the years, the family business has expanded, with a product range now serving a wide customer

base including local Government, housing associations, education, construction and domestic sectors.

The three founders are brothers: Kieran, Dermot and Lewis Walch, whose endeavour to bring sustainable products to the foreground have made Kedel products the 'industry's products of choice.'

"We manufacture plastic wood made from waste polystyrene, and we are also suppliers of many other types of recycled plastic profiles from other manufacturers. We stock tongue and groove boards, plastic sheet materials, decking, cladding, ground reinforcement and drainage grids, fencing and gates. In addition, we make a wide range of outdoor furniture often combining different types of recycled plastic into one product. These products include benches, tables, picnic tables, and notice boards just to name just a few. We also offer design services and have a large flatbed CNC (computer numerical controlled) machine for cutting and shaping to the CAD design parameters supplied by our customers,



or created for them by our in-house design team," explained Lewis.

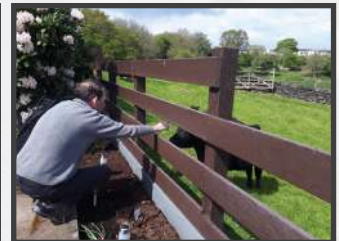
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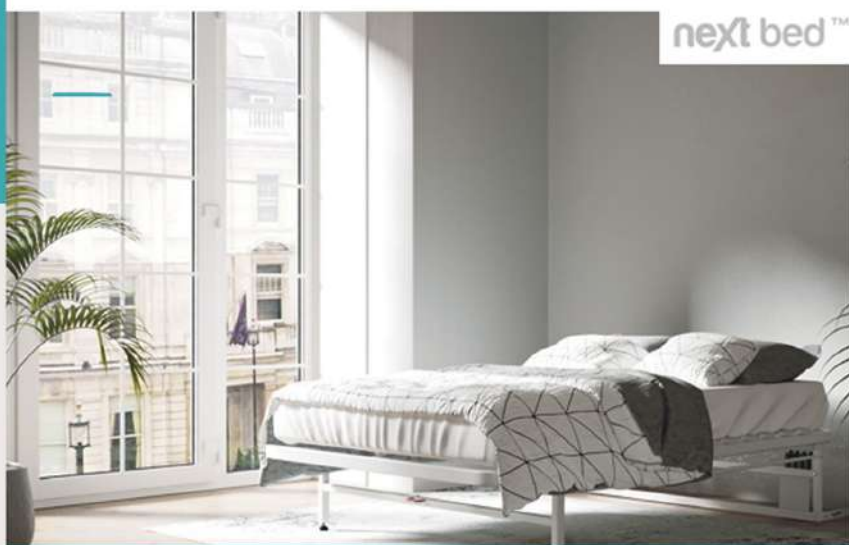
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