

Competent Person

The *Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999* requires all Employers appoint a competent person(s) to assist in complying with statutory provisions.

If that person is available in house then the appointment must be in preference to a competent person not in the Employer's employment.

However, it is not always economically viable to employ someone directly in-house having "*sufficient training and experience or knowledge and other qualities*" to enable the role to be undertaken.

Whilst TGF does not offer a stand-alone service to act as a competent person we do offer a service to act as Health and Safety Advisors and simultaneously encourage our Clients to begin to assess their requirements for in-house competence.

This service is available only for those Clients who have obtained services from us and who demonstrate a firm commitment to managing Health and Safety effectively in the long term.

In-house expertise is essential if a Company wants to manage Health and Safety effectively. This can take time to implement, however, as an individual(s) will need to be identified and suitable training courses completed.

In this interim time, TGF fills this gap for our Clients but expects that Health and Safety management is taken seriously and ownership is identified within the Company Hierarchy.

Essentially there must be an individual with ultimate responsibility and ideally a Health and Safety Coordinator will also manage day-to-day operations.

TGF decides in-house which Companies qualify for this service but for those that do receive it free of charge and also have access to telephone support and advice.

This is backed up with the provision of a Health and Safety Advisor Certificate (provided in both laminated and electronic formats) that usually runs on a year-to-year basis.

Please visit our Website to find out more about the **Health and Safety Services** we offer.

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