

Circular 611: Mandatory Health, Safety Standards & Risk Assessment

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Dear Valued Customer,

Dubai Development Authority (DDA) is introducing updated safety standards and risk mitigation measures to enhance workplace safety and support smooth construction operations. These measures, effective immediately, aim to safeguard workers and ensure adherence to best practices on construction sites.

Key Requirements:

- **Comprehensive Risk Assessments:** Conduct detailed risk evaluations before initiating any new construction phases or implementing significant operational changes.
- Continuous Supervision: Maintain active oversight of high-risk activities such as working at heights, operating machinery, and confined space tasks.
- Incident Reporting: Report all safety-related incidents promptly via the DDA's centralised incident management system.

Monitoring and Enforcement:

- Site supervisors must oversee all safety-critical activities and ensure accurate documentation of safety protocols.
- The Authority will carry out regular inspections to monitor compliance with these updated standards.



Risk Mitigation Plan:

• Every construction site is required to maintain an up-to-date risk mitigation plan that addresses identified hazards. These plans must be reviewed and updated monthly or more frequently as site conditions evolve.

DDA emphasises that strict adherence to these safety measures is essential for protecting workers and ensuring the success of your projects. Non-compliance will lead to enforcement actions in line with UAE Federal Law.

For inquiries or to provide feedback, please contact our Customer Care team at 800-4-DDA (332) or Connect With Us online.

Regards,

Dubai Development Authority