The Danish Working Environment Authority

The WEA is a government authority in Denmark, one of the functions of which is supervision of building and construction sites.

On Danish building sites, the provisions of Danish working environment legislation and associated guidelines apply.

The WEA has four Inspection Centres. Its head office is located in Copenhagen.

Inspection Centre staff includes specialists with knowledge of particular industries. Among these are inspectors specialising in the area of building and construction.

If you would like to find out more about the Danish legal provisions relating to building sites, you can find the information at www.at.dk.

Reaction

When visiting/inspecting your site, WEA inspectors will check whether your work is being performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

If they find anything that does not meet the requirements of the Danish rules, they have the following options:

Guidance: Giving advice and guidance on how your work can be performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

Improvement Notice: Issuing an Improvement Notice requiring the matter to be put right within a specified time limit.

Prohibition Notice: Ordering work to be stopped, in cases where there is an imminent substantial risk to your own or others’ life and health.

Report to the Police: Making a report to the Police with a view to prosecuting you for gross recklessness in the performance of the work.

See also folders on:

- Working on roofs
- Working on ladders
- Working in excavations
- Working on scaffolding

- Personal protective equipment
- Signals for working with cranes
- Training requirements

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Safety in connection with demolition

Demolition plan
Before commencing demolition work, a plan should be drawn up for performance of the work. The plan should be drawn up no matter whether the project is just partial demolition in connection with renovation work, or full demolition of a building or construction.

Inspection of building
The building should be inspected for asbestos, mould, pigeon droppings, insulation and other materials which have to be removed separately before demolition commences.

Demolition work
Demolition work should be performed in a specific sequence to protect workers against falling objects, and the building against complete collapse. The sequence, temporary safety measures and time consumption should be stated in the plan.

In the event of selective demolition, in general the same safety measures should be implemented as for construction. The material from selective demolition should be separated at source if the total amount of waste exceeds ten tonnes.

Always apply work methods and machinery that causes the least risk of accidents, ergonomic impacts, noise, dust and vibrations.

Clean-up and waste management are important elements in preventing accidents from tripping and falling.