



OHSA NOTICE

Potential Buyers at Construction Sites

Visitors to construction sites, including potential buyers, should only be allowed if their health and safety is guaranteed. This includes situations involving estate agents taking potential clients onto sites still under construction, sometimes while works are being carried out. This creates risks for all parties on site.

It should be stressed that:

- **It is the duty of the owner of the construction site, who is defined as ‘the client’ under Legal Notice 88 of 2018**, to safeguard the health and safety of **all** persons on-site, whether workers or not.
- It is the duty of the **project supervisor** for the execution stage (regulation 5 (4)(h) of the above-mentioned regulations), to **“take the steps necessary to ensure that only authorised persons are allowed onto the construction site”**. The granting of such authorisation implies that only persons who are adequately protected are allowed onto the site.
- Before allowing access to people on site, it must be ascertained that arrangements are in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone there.
- According to the law, for every construction project one must appoint a project supervisor. This role can be undertaken by the same person or by the client himself/herself if they are competent to do so.
- In the case of construction sites on which work is scheduled to last longer than 30 working days and on which more than 20 workers are occupied simultaneously, or on which the volume of work is scheduled to exceed 500 person-days, the project supervisor is duty-bound to communicate in writing a prior notice to the OHSA at least four weeks before work commences. The project supervisor is duty-bound to ensure that prior to the setting up of a construction site, a health and safety plan is drawn up.

A comprehensive list of all OHS legislation may be accessed through www.ohsa.org.mt

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