



ASUCplus and Guarding of Rigs

The Health & Safety Executive requires piling rigs to have adequate guarding. If they find an unguarded rig being used in vertical piling then all parties will be subject to scrutiny. Anyone allowing the removal of a guard opens themselves to potential enforcement action up to and including prosecution.

Under CDM regulations it is the clients' responsibility to ensure their piling sub-contractors comply.

GUARDING OF RIGS

- ✓ It is a legal requirement for all moving parts of machinery to be guarded so far as is practicable.
- ✓ Rigs must be fitted with an interlocked guard so if it is opened to allow access, the rotation slows to no more than 15 rpm.

SAFETY EXCLUSION ZONE

- ✓ Safety exclusion zones relevant to the size of auger(s) shall be established whenever fitting or removing additional augers.
- ✓ Is it essential that adequate working space is provided for the use of rigs.



ASUCplus has taken the lead to ensure each of its specialist contractors is fully compliant with the HSE's policy on the guarding of rigs under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998.

ASUCplus fully endorses any measure that ensures the safety of the workforce and to this end it has implemented a compliance declaration amongst its membership to ensure that all member contractors are fully aware of the recommendations and employ them on all their sites. Any member not complying will be in breach of the ASUCplus Byelaws as this now forms part of the regular H&S audits.

For a list of registered specialist contractors go to www.asuc.org.uk