

HOT WASH STATIONS

do you **COMPLY** with current **LEGISLATION**?

Since 1996 the provision of sanitation and welfare facilities on construction sites has been the subject of close scrutiny by the Health and Safety Executive (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.



Whilst technological advancement has eradicated the age-old problem of providing hot and cold or warm running water, the Health and Safety Executive National Interest

Group are of the view that having *separate washing units for decontamination purposes SEPARATE from the toilet facilities would seem to be an ideal arrangement.* Although

this should be encouraged wherever circumstances permit, there will always be some sites where this would not be practical. For example, such as space constraints, small sites and very short stay sites.

Health and Safety Executive construction inspectors advise at site visits upon the best provision of welfare requirements. *Where the legal requirements for welfare are not being met, enforcement action is usually taken.*

We understand that the *Health and Safety Executive* has produced the following guidelines on washing facilities for their inspectors to act upon:

Water (hot and cold, or warm running) should be provided on site at commencement of work. If there is no mains water available, then a tanked supply should be provided.

Hand washing facilities should be available in the immediate vicinity of the toilets to allow workers to practise good hygiene after using the toilet. If this sink is also to be *used for washing off site contaminants* including cement, then it should be of a *suitable size to allow workers to wash both*

their hands and forearms.

The provision of a washbasin in a toilet for decontamination washing is unsatisfactory for a number of reasons.

One reason is that room within the toilet is usually inadequate for an individual to wash satisfactorily. Another is that the toilet is effectively rendered unavailable for its primary use.

The tolerance by HSE of facilities prevailing in these conditions can only be justified under special circumstances such as those detailed previously, where there is no other reasonable option.

In order that all our customers may comply with this important legislation, *Brandon Tool Hire* can

now offer you the benefit of the splendid *Brandon Hot Wash Station.*

This independent, freestanding washroom is housed within the standard welfare unit, *but does not contain anything less than a "state-of-the-art" washing facility.* *The Hot Wash Station* fully incorporates all the legislative specifications required, as well as the following additional features:

1. **An integral full forearm sink bowl**
2. **On demand 20 second flow of hot water**
3. **Full protection by Residual Circuit Device or MCB**
4. **Hands-free operation via Infra-Red switch**
5. **A supply of soap and towels**

Brandon Hire will be happy to help with any queries regarding this product. However for full information on current legislation, we strongly recommend calling the HSE Infoline Tel. 0541 545500.

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