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SCF Safety Forum – Exploring and debating “cable free” sites

At the SCF Health and Safety forum Contractors safety advisors and professionals got together to discuss various safety issues and updates occurring on SCF projects, also updating each other on the recent incidents/accidents and discuss lessons learnt. A re-occurring trend on trailing cables was highlighted as a major contributing factor towards slips, trips and falls on construction sites. Willmott Dixon Health and Safety Manager, Michelle Gonnella updated SCF forum on Willmott Dixon's journey to become Cable free. Huge interest and a few questions were raised so it was arranged to have Alistair Donaghey (WDC) and Jon Matthews from Milwaukee attend the last Health and Safety forum to present the Willmott Dixon journey and promote a 'cable free' vision.



Benefits observed:

- Makes the operatives tasks easier, lighter and faster. Leaving a **happier workforce** and reduced installation time
- Slip, trips and falls reduced by no trailing cables
- Proved **Cost neutral** – by removing all power transformers and replacing some with battery charging banks.
- **Reduction on PAT testing**, with only the battery chargers requiring testing – Cost saving.
- Reduction of equipment to be weekly checked /inspected – **time saving**
- Walking around a cable free project, looks like finished product and very professional – improving other aspects – **good housekeeping**.

This Cable Free site presentation was a great success, with large interest and a huge well done has been sent by SCF for prompting and forward thinking this initiative.

A big thank you to Milwaukee and Willmott Dixon for organising this event for their continued support

Next up is the Working at Height (WAH) seminar in Bridgewater, in September 18. The seminar will be held by the forum members and delivered to selected supply chain. Willmott Dixon has played a part by organising Dylan Skelhorn to start the seminar off by delivering his WAH safety talk. We look forward to hearing more about this later in the year.

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