

HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

TITLE OF ALERT	HEi088 Mobile Welfare Unit Fire		
TARGET AUDIENCE	All Consulting	REF NO.	19-ConR-A007
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REASON FOR THIS HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT

The following pages of this safety alert were issued by Highways England's supply chain partner, Kier:



On 14/05/2019, a welfare cabin caught fire currently due to unknown reasons. Prior to the fire starting, a supervisor on site stopped at the cabin in question and observed smoke coming from the microwave which was supplied and fitted by the hire company.

In an attempt to cut the power, the supervisor pulled the plugs from the sockets to the microwave and kettle. As he did so, a shot of flames came from the microwave and began to spread. It was not safe for the supervisor to attempt to tackle the fire himself with the extinguishers in the cabin, so the London Fire Brigade (LFB) was called immediately who arrived within 15 minutes of the call.

By the time they had arrived the cabin was completely engulfed in flames to which the LFB extinguished within 12 minutes. No one was hurt in the incident and there was no impact on the environment.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND LEARNING TO BE APPLIED

The following items are not yet known to be causations to the incident as the investigation is still ongoing, however as a minimum the following action must be taken:

- Welfare units are fully inspected on a daily basis for defects and record findings
- Portable appliances are tested by a competent person and records are maintained on site
- Annual electrical service and inspection is undertaken by a competent, electrically qualified person and records are maintained on site

- Switch off generators when not in use
- Generator room to be kept free from any combustible materials
- Check that all fire extinguishers are charged and in date
- Welfare units are kept clean and tidy with all rubbish disposed of in any appropriate waste bins provided
- Heaters are not covered with any items
- Materials and equipment are not stored inside or up against the welfare cabin
- Report any near misses and suspicious behaviour
- Do not use sockets to charge personal items or anything other than what is provided within the welfare
- Smoke alarms to be checked weekly

CONCLUSION / FINAL NOTE

Please display this Health and Safety Alert on noticeboards and brief to all relevant employees within 48 hours.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT REVIEW FORM

Please review the content of the above Health and Safety Alert for relevance prior to communicating the contents to your workforce. Please complete the form and action as necessary.

1. Has the content of the Health and Safety Alert been reviewed by the account's operational managers?

PLEASE TICK:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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2. Could a similar event occur on your account?

PLEASE TICK:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (answer Questions 3, 4 and 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> No (answer Question 6)
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3. What control measures are in place, or need to be put in place, to mitigate and manage the potential for an occurrence of this type (or similar) on your account?

- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx
- Xxxxx

4. Are these control measures sufficient to mitigate and manage the risk of an incident of this type (or similar) described in the Health and Safety Alert from occurring?

PLEASE TICK:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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5. If you have answered No to Question 4, please raise an independent action on Airsweb, detailing the corrective actions required and record the reference number below.

AIRSWEB REFERENCE NUMBER:	
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6. Please explain why this event could not occur on your account:

- xxxxx

7. The person conducting the review is to complete the details below:

ACCOUNT NAME:		DATE:	
REVIEWER'S NAME:		SIGNATURE:	

