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**According to the Act No. 309/2006 Coll. about ensure further conditions
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Introduction

There are basic changes at the issues of ensure a safe and risk-free working environment and working conditions on work site. Last novelties such changes in the Building Act (Act No. 183/2006 Sb.) from the 1st of January 2007 and new legal regulations for ensure safety and health protection on construction site (Act No. 309/2006 Coll.) came into operation. It is also important its implementing regulation like for example the Government Order No. 591/2006 Coll. about minimal requirements for safety and health protection on work site. The core change is the new duty to ensure some legal institutions that the function of coordinator for safety and health matters and safety plan on construction site belong to.

Responsibilities of Coordinator

Preparatory stage of the construction:

- To provide the client with a summary of the legal regulations relating to the construction, information concerning the risks that might arise during the construction works, taking account of work and activities that might increase the risk to the life and health of natural persons and other documentation needed to ensure a safe and risk-free working environment and working conditions, for which consideration must be made for the nature of the construction and its implementation, sufficiently in advance of the Hannover of the construction by the construction owner to the building contractor.
- To provide the architect, the contractor, if one has been designated, or another person, any additional information concerning health and safety risks which are known to him and which affect his activities.
- The coordinator provides to the employer a professional support during the negotiations with state administration and local authorities.
- The coordinator prepares the Safety and Health Plans for work on construction site – elaboration and management

Realization stage of the construction:

- To inform all relevant contractors of safety and health risks that have arising on the construction site during the work
- To warn the contractors of any deficiencies in putting into practice requirements for safety and health at work that were discovered in the workplace used by the contractor and to request that improvements be put in place; he is also empowered to suggest suitable remedies
- To inform the client of cases where, in accordance with point 2, the contractor did not take the appropriate measures to implement the remedies without undue delay
- To process the safe and health documentation
 - the coordinator's inspection journal, containing records on day-to-day activities
 - weekly reports
 - results of inspections
 - detected shortcomings
 - database of identified shortcomings, including a demonstrable photographic documentation

Tasks for the clients (investors)

- If employees of more than one building contractor are working together on the construction site, the client shall designate the required number of coordinators for safety and health matters on the construction site (hereafter referred to as the "coordinator") having regard to the scope and complexity of the work and the difficulties involved in coordinating both the preparation stage and the implementation stage. The activities of coordinator for the preparation of the work and its implementation may be carried out by the same person.
- The client shall be obliged to provide the coordinator with any documentation and information he might require for his activities and to provide him with the required cooperation and to ensure that all the contractors, as well as other persons, cooperate with the coordinator during the entire period of the preparation and implementation of the construction works.
- In cases pursuant to § 15 paragraph. 1, The client shall submit a prior notice of works, to the labor inspectorate competent for the construction site at the latest 8 days before the construction site is handed over to the contractor.
- The client shall ensure that a safety and health plan for work on a construction site is drawn up, reflecting the type and size of the construction in order to fully comply with the requirements to ensure safe and risk-free work before work begins on the construction site.

Coordinator and the Building Act

There are some appointments in the Building Act which are concerning to implementation of new legal institution of coordinator. In case of operating on the construction site the coordinator could be called to control inspection of building under construction by building administration (Building Act, § 133, art.4), cooperates with construction manager or main contractor (Building Act, § 153, art. 2) and could make registrations in building journal entry or just simple entries about construction (Building Act, § 157, art. 2).

About CRDR Ltd.

The company CRDR Ltd. is grown up from the long term experience in safety and free-risk work conditions issues. Because of the reach practice and strong team our company is able to ensure also high capacity project when lone coordinator couldn't manage it by himself.

We could offer you complex outsourcing of competent coordinators services for the whole construction process.

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