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Press Release

Top Safety Accreditation for Audrey Johns Ltd

Audrey Johns Ltd has been awarded accreditation from **Safecontractor** for its commitment to achieving excellence in health and safety.

Safecontractor is a leading third party accreditation scheme which recognises very high standards in health and safety management amongst UK contractors.

Employing 36 people at their manufacturing base at Brunel Quay, Neyland , Audrey Johns Ltd is principally involved in the luxury soft furnishing manufacturing sector, specialising in premium Central London property developments and contract interior design service industries.

The company's application for **Safecontractor** accreditation was driven by the need for a uniform standard across the business.

Commenting on the accreditation, second generation business owner and Company Director Jane Johns says " As our existing customer base continues to grow, it's vital that we as a company embrace accreditation schemes such as **Safecontractor** to enable us to be recognised as a serious player by the major construction and architect firms who employ our services. The highest health and safety practices within our factory and on location is a benchmark which we are continuously striving to work towards and improve. Working with our external Health and Safety Advisor, Key Safety Solutions has helped us to achieve this recognition and by continuously developing our programme, all customers can be assured that Audrey Johns Ltd not only offers the highest quality assurances for our bespoke soft furnishing products, but across the entire service our customers can expect , as a whole "

Safecontractor accreditation will enhance the company's ability to attract new contracts and its commitment to safety will be viewed positively by its insurers when the company liability policy is up for renewal. Safecontractor is applicable to most sectors although it is particularly relevant to food manufacture, property, facilities management, retail and leisure sectors, all of which are big users of contracted services.

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John Kinge, technical director of **Safecontractor** said, "Major organisations simply cannot afford to run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have sound health and safety policies in place."

"More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that Audrey Johns Ltd has done. The firm's high standard has set an example which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector. **Safecontractor** plays a vital role in supporting our clients in meeting their compliance needs, whilst working with their contractors as they progress through the accreditation process."

Under the **Safecontractor** scheme, businesses undergo a vetting process which examines health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice. Those companies meeting the high standard are included on a database, which is accessible to registered users only via a website. Client-organisations who sign up to the scheme can access the database, enabling them to vet potential contractors before they even set foot on site. These clients agree that, as users of the scheme, they will engage only those who have received accreditation.

Over 210 major, nation-wide businesses, from several key sectors, have signed up to use the scheme when selecting contractors for services such as building, cleaning, maintenance, refurbishment or electrical and mechanical work.

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Note to editors:

Safecontractor is a third party accreditation scheme that assesses health and safety arrangements. Many major clients recognise the scheme and accept the **Safecontractor** certificate as confirmation of competency.

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