

PRESS RELEASE

**FIRECREST**  
SERVICES LTD



## Top Safety Accreditation for **FIRECREST** Services Ltd

**F**irecrest Services Ltd is one of the latest group of successful companies to join a leading edge scheme, designed to help industry improve its safety record.

**T**he South East-based firm recently received accreditation from SAFEcontractor, a programme which recognises very high standards of health and safety practise amongst UK contractors.



**E**mploying 20 people, Firecrest Services Ltd is principally involved in fire risk assessments, training, the design, supply, installation, commissioning, service and maintenance of fixed and portable fire protection and detection systems and equipment.

**S**pecialising in the construction and building services industries and with a £1 million turnover, Firecrest Services Ltd's most recent clients have included major players such as Interserve Defence, AXA Insurance and Carillion.

**T**he company's application for SAFEcontractor accreditation was driven by the need for a uniform standard across the business.

**E**ddie Forsyth, Managing Director of Firecrest Services said, "At Firecrest Services we recognize our

statutory duties under Health and Safety legislation. This accreditation allows us to demonstrate our commitment to comply with these responsibilities to our client base."

**S**AFEcontractor accreditation is expected to 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.

**S**afecontractor is operated by international safety, health and environmental risk management specialists, the National Britannia Group. The system 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 contract services.

**J**ames Ostler, Managing Director of Information Service at National Britannia said, "Major organisations can no longer run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have sound health and safety policies".

"More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that Firecrest Services Ltd has done. The firms' high standard has set an example, which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector".

**U**nder the SAFEcontractor system, businesses undergo a vetting process, which examines health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice.

**T**hose companies meeting the high standard are included on a database, which is accessible to registered users only via a website, [www.safecontractor.com](http://www.safecontractor.com).

**E**mployer-organisations who sign up to the scheme can access the database, which enables them to vet potential contractors before they even set foot on site. These employers agree that, as users of the scheme, they will engage only those who have received accreditation.

**O**ver eighty 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:

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