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motive8 is one of the latest group of successful companies to join a leading edge scheme, designed to help the industry improve its safety record.

The Hampton Hill-based firm recently received accreditation from SAFEcontractor, a programme which recognises very high standards of health and safety practice amongst UK contractors.

Employing over 30 people, motive8 is a specialist gym design consultancy with over ten years experience. Its primary focus is the provision of individually designed health and fitness facilities for both private and commercial projects within several market sectors. Its client list includes many of the UK's most prominent construction and property development companies, and it sustains excellent working relationships with major gym equipment suppliers.

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

"As a company we are dedicated to providing safe environments for all our employees, the companies we provide a service to and of course for the end-users of the facilities that we install, service and maintain," explains Richard Moon, motive8's Facilities Manager.

SAFEcontractor 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.

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 contract services.

Darren Hughes, Operations Director of SAFEcontractor 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 motive8 has done. The firm’s high standard has set an example, which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector.”

Under the SAFEcontractor system, 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, [www.safecontractor.com](http://www.safecontractor.com).

Employer-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.

Over one hundred and twenty major nationwide 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.

For further details of all **motive8** services, call 0800 028 0198 or visit [www.m8group.net](http://www.m8group.net).

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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. You only need to be assessed once and not by every client and prospect.

For further information about the SAFEcontractor scheme, visit [www.safecontractor.com](http://www.safecontractor.com).