210: Understand how to communicate with others within building services engineering  
**Handout 3: Site visitors**

**Learning outcome**

The learner will:

1. know the members of the construction team and their role within the building services industry.

**Assessment criteria**

The learner can:

1.3 identify the key roles of site visitors:

* building control officer
* water inspector
* HSE inspector
* electrical services inspector.

**Site visitors**

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| There are several visitors to site who have specific roles to play – quite often concerning health and safety.  They inspect to make sure that the building project is complying with the rules and regulations, and that the workers and eventual occupants will be safe. | 01 Site visitor.jpg | |
| 02 Site visitor.jpg | | |
| **Health and safety inspector**  They usually work for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) but can be employed by the local authority.  They can arrive unannounced to ensure that the health and safety law is being implemented by the building contractor. | | 03 hse_logo.jpg |

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| **Building control officer (BCO)**  The BCO works for the local authority in the planning office and makes sure that each of the building Regulations are being complied with in the planning and construction.  They have the power to reject plans but can also offer advice on how to overcome problems.  They visit site at different stages and finally ‘sign off’ the work. | 04 BCO.jpg |
| **Water inspector**  Employed by the water undertaker, their key role is to reduce the risk of contamination in the public water supply.  They enforce the Water Regulations by randomly inspecting occupied properties and all newbuilds.  They may also inspect in cases of contamination or to overcome problems. | 05 Water Regulations.jpg |
| **Electrical services inspector**  Employed by the local electricity supplier, they inspect new electrical installations to make sure that they comply with all Regulations, including BS7671 (IET Wiring Regulations). |  |