



HEREFORD MANUFACTURER BENEFITS FROM IMPROVED SAFETY CULTURE

BACKGROUND

Elite Plastics, based in Hereford, was formed in 1994 and is now one of the UK's leading manufacturers of bespoke polythene films, bags and covers. They distribute to customers throughout the UK, Ireland, and Europe. Manufacturing innovative, sustainable, carbon neutral, polythene for the evolving market. They are pioneers in compostable flexible plastics and their end goal is to manufacture polythene that excels in purpose, while reducing customer costs and their environmental footprint.

WHAT WAS NEEDED AND THE SOLUTION

Elite Plastics needed help with health & safety advice, undertaking risk assessments, development of a documented health & safety management system.

In addition to the safety risks associated with manufacturing, we have a large on-site warehousing facility with extensive storage. This comes with another set of health and safety challenges, that need to meet compliance requirements.

Andrew Holder, SHEQ Co-Ordinator comments, *"I had worked with Sentinel Safety Solutions in a previous role and trusted them completely so had no hesitation in calling them in to help. They spent a lot of time listening to our needs, offering simple solutions, ensuring that we were compliant every single step of the way."*



THE RESULT

Andrew states *“We have been working with Sentinel Safety for the last 3 years. Throughout this time, we have seen many changes throughout our processes and legislation. During Covid we diversified into manufacturing plastic aprons and PPE for front line staff, such as the NHS and care home staff, obviously during this time it was even more important to make sure our employees were safe, so again Sentinel Safety were able to help us ensure the business continued.”*

Thanks to the experience and dedication of Sentinel Safety we have health & safety systems that we are confident in. We have all the necessary health & safety documents needed for legal compliance, while statutory testing and training are carried out by competent people. We have our own toolbox talks specific to our working environment. All our health and safety documentation and training records are kept on SafetyBox health and safety software, which ensures we are fully compliant. We have improved safety culture across the whole of the site, which has shown a huge reduction of incidents.”

Himmat Rai, Director at SafetyBox adds *“It has been hugely rewarding to work with Elite Plastics as we have seen them implement risk improvements we have suggested enthusiastically. We have a wealth of experience in supporting clients in manufacturing, warehousing and logistics sectors, so we were pleased we could help by providing practical advice and support that met their specific workplace requirements.”*

For further information on Elite Plastics please visit – www.eliteplastics.co.uk