

Contractor Safety Management Information & Frequently Asked Questions

The safety of our employees, contractors, customers, and the community is a core value. Our vision is that everyone who works on our projects returns home safely every day. We are committed to maintaining a safe work environment and partnering with contractors who share this commitment.

Contractors who are interested in working with Colorado Springs Utilities should review the information below to learn more about the key elements of our Contractor Safety Program.

How will I know if I am required to participate in the Contractor Safety Management Program?

All contracts must go through a review process to determine the level of hazard exposure before being established. The Utilities Project Manager will submit a Statement of Work Hazard Identification form to the Safety and Health team for evaluation.

Any safety requirements will be communicated to the Contractor either through the Sourcing Event, or by the Sourcing Specialist, and may require compliance with the Contractor Minimum Safety Requirements (CMSR), maintaining an ISNetworld (ISN) subscription, or both.



How is the safety exposure determined?

We evaluate both the work activity and physical location of a project to assign one of three safety exposure levels, which determines whether an ISNetworld (ISN) subscription and/or the Contractor Minimum Safety Requirements (CMSR) are required.

We review known and potential hazards that are:

- Currently present on the site
- Associated with the proposed statement of work
- Associated with other work activity onsite

Exposure Level	Requirements	Description
Minimal Exposure	Neither CMSR nor ISN is Required	Work activities with little to no exposure to operational, safety, or environmental hazards, and no direct impact on Colorado Springs Utilities operations.
Limited Exposure	CMSR Required	Work activities with limited exposure to operational, safety, or environmental hazards that may involve access to Colorado Springs Utilities facilities or work areas.
Elevated Exposure	Both CMSR and ISN Required	Work activities involving elevated safety, operational, or environmental hazards. Typically requires specialized training, qualifications, permits, or additional oversight.

What is the Contractor Minimum Safety Requirements (CMSR)?

The CMSR outlines our safety expectations and provides resources to help contractors develop effective safety plans. It includes helpful checklists, guidance, and sample documents to help contractors establish and maintain effective safety programs that protect their employees, our personnel, and the public.

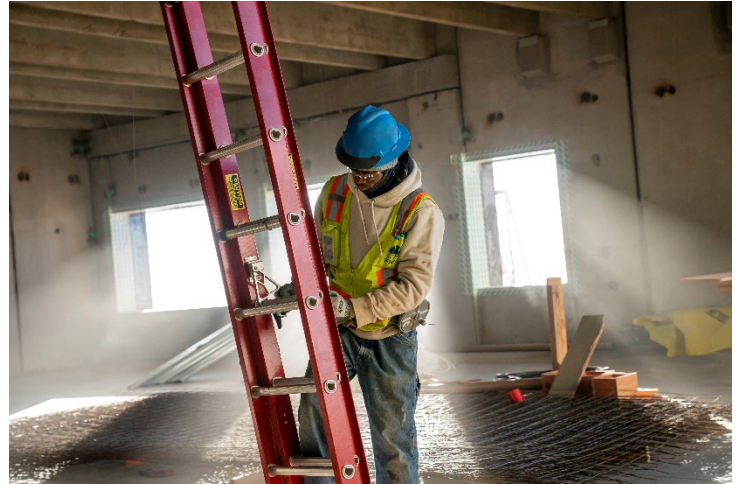
The CMSR is usually identified as 'Exhibit E' within your contract.

ISN is required for my Contract. What is this and what are my next steps?

Colorado Springs Utilities partners with ISNworld (ISN) to qualify and manage contractors performing Elevated Exposure work.

Contractors assigned to this exposure category must maintain an active ISN subscription and acceptable risk score rating throughout their contract.

For more information about ISN, visit the ISNworld website or contact ISN Customer Service at (800) 976-1303.



Are there any other Safety Requirements that I will need to follow?

If the work has been identified to have a limited or elevated exposure you may be required to meet additional requirements such as:

- Site or facility orientations
- Pre-mobilization safety and health meetings
- Onsite or online training

More information can be found in the CMSR and at csu.org/safety/contractor-safety

My risk rating changed in ISN, what do I need to do?

This can happen for various reasons. It is recommended that you review the submitted information within ISN to verify if any information is missing or past due. You can also contact ISN Customer Service.

Important points to keep in mind:

- OSHA Injury/Illness and Insurance documents must be submitted annually.
- Written programs must be resubmitted every three years.

Colorado Springs Utilities is committed to a positive safety culture.
Collaboration with our contractors is essential when it comes to safety.
We look forward to working with you!

Visit csu.org/safety/contractor-safety to learn more.