

SAFETY EFFECT REPORT

The Safety Effect Report (*Veiligheidseffectrapportage*, VER) identifies safety risks in spatial planning and building plans. Before construction actually starts, a risk assessment is performed and safety measures are proposed. The VER is an initiative by the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (*Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties*, BZK). The instrument was developed in collaboration with the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (*Vereniging van Nederlandse Gemeenten*, VNG) and representatives of the welfare services.

AIMS OF THE VER

The VER aims to maximise the safety of construction projects (primarily large-scale projects) for users. Safety is crucial for all buildings and locations, from railway stations and VINEX residential developments to multiplexes. In collaboration with experts in the field, the CCV ensures the VER process is described clearly and that the latest casuistry is easily accessible.

APPLYING THE VER

Applying the VER is the responsibility of the construction project's commissioning authority. While in most cases this is the municipal authority, it may also be a housing corporation, project developer or other professional authority. The VER primarily focuses on collaboration processes between various partners, such as municipal authorities, project developers, the police and fire services, and the healthcare sector, who work together - each from their own line of approach - towards a common aim: safety.

The VER modules are incorporated in the project building phases and include:

1. Supporting information
2. Motivation
3. Analysis
4. Alternatives
5. Measures
6. Implementation
7. Management plan

BENEFITS OF THE VER

Implementing the VER offers clear benefits:

- Support for high-risk plans
- Overcoming in advance of project management problems (i.e. additional costs)
- Sustainability and economic value of a project increased
- Development of an integrated approach for safety issues
- Post-project evidence of due care in dealing with the safety issues

RESULTS

Ultimately, safety benefits all stakeholders in several ways. In addition to the tangible benefits - i.e. significantly reduced risk that unanticipated management costs develop later in the project - stakeholders also demonstrate CSR, promoting the reputation of the organisations involved.

VER PUBLICATIONS

VER publications include Safety Effects Report for Decision-makers - A Summary (*Veiligheidseffectrapportage voor beslissers, een samenvatting*) and Safety Effects Report for Users (*Veiligheidseffectrapportage voor gebruikers*), which includes an outline of the process steps, descriptions of the activities and practical examples.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.hetccv.nl. The publications can be ordered free of charge from the online shop.