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The British Aggregates Association have launched a **health and safety assessment scheme**, aimed primarily at small businesses who do not have in-house health and safety specialists, and leading to a certificate of compliance. Participating quarry operators are audited against HSE requirements, with priorities identified for action to bring about improvement where necessary. The scheme reassures operators that they are operating in compliance with the necessary standards, and uses the 'Quarrysafe' resource for health and safety management, developed at Camborne School of Mines by researcher Jon Bennett.

Richard Bird, Executive Officer of the BAA, said: 'We consider Quarrysafe as the basis for health and safety management in quarries for our members. Larger operators generally employ their own in-house health and safety managers but for smaller family businesses this is always a practical proposition. Quarrysafe provides the smaller operator an understanding of how a modern health and safety management system works as well as providing the framework to develop safety systems tailored to suit their own individual operations.'

Quarrysafe may be viewed at www.quarrysafe.co.uk.