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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

Welcome to our new look newsletter for Health and Safety for Beginners.

The format of the newsletter has changed from html email newsletters to the popular Adobe PDF format. This means that those of you, who cannot perhaps download images via your work email, won't miss out on any content in future newsletters.

The newsletter will be sent

out from now on in PDF format. We hope this does not cause any problems for any of our subscribers.

It does matter to us if you are not happy about receiving PDF newsletters. If you have any comments or complaints about the new look, please contact us via the contact details at the foot of the newsletter.



ASATS Making sense of safety - having fun whilst we're doing it.

Straightforward, flexible solutions for managing your health & safety needs.

Do You Have Any Study Aids/Tips?

As part of our continuing commitment and goal to provide beginners to the health and safety field free additional tools and advice for studies, we are seeking even more material from our visitors. Do you have any revision aids or tools that you have found useful in the past that you would like to share? It can be anything from one or two tips and hints, to full blown documents that give a better understanding to OSH management or risk assessment.

If you have anything at all, please contact us via any of the means at the foot of this newsletter. You will of course be given full accreditation for your material if you wish.

Please Take Part in Our Bullying Survey

We would very much like if you could take a moment to fill in our very short, single question bullying survey if you have not done so already. The survey is completely anonymous and purely for research purposes for a Diploma assignment, your help is greatly appreciated.

The results and the report containing the survey will be published on the site in the coming weeks. Thank you for your contribution. [Click here for the survey.](#)

22 Oct 2004 – New HSE Report

New HSE Report on Evaluation of Reducing Risks, Protecting People

A new research report has been released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) - **RR279 Evaluation of reducing risks, protecting people.**

The document, which explains the basis of the decision-making processes of the HSE, entitled *reducing risks, protecting people* (R2P2), supports and gives substance to all HSE regulatory activity.

The new research report's aim was to establish whether the stakeholder groups, such as, academics, major employers, employee organisations, local authorities etc. had been reached by the document and to what extent the R2P2 document had made transparent the activities of the HSE and if their decision-making process was open to scrutiny.

The two stages of the process in the research consisted of a telephone screening survey to reach a wider scope and a series of in-depth interviews, which would provide qualitative data.

The report can be accessed by clicking the following link: [RR279 - Evaluation of reducing risks, protecting people](#)

Article by Alexandra Johnston

21 Oct 2004 – TUC Report Lack of Visits

TUC Report Reveals Lack of Workplace Visits by Health and Safety Inspectors

A report by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) claims that 39% of workplaces, which have union safety representatives, have never had a visit from either environmental health officers nor the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

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20 Oct 2004 – HSE Help on Petrol Handling

HSE Publish a New Free Leaflet on Petrol Handling

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published a new free leaflet on the do's and don'ts of handling petrol.

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20 Oct 2004 – HSC Improves H&S Management

HSC's Programme for Improvement of Health and Safety Management

The Health and Safety Commission's (HSC) commitment for the improvement of health and safety management in the public sector have set up their priority programme of work by means of the *Government Setting an Example* (GSE) programme.

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‘The two stages...consisted of a telephone screening survey...and a series of in-depth interviews, which would provide qualitative data.’

New Legislation

No new legislation has been passed this issue.

New Consultations

No new consultation documents have been added to the site since the last issue.

19 Oct 2004 – HSE Pesticide Incident Report 03/04

Pesticides Incident Report for 2003/04 Published by HSE

A report on the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE's) agricultural website has been published, showing investigations by inspectors of 204 incidents, which was a decrease of 11, compared with the previous year and other complaints on use of pesticides incidents to be 142.

A total of 66 enforcement notices, with 78 contraventions by the HSE inspectors under legislation were issued for pesticides during the year and 8 Informations were laid before the courts, averaging a fine of £1,824 compared with £1,250 average for 2002/03.

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18 Oct 2004 – HSE Strategic Planning to be More Transparent

HSE Strategic Planning to be More Transparent

The Health and Safety Executives (HSE) strategic planning for their horizon scanning process will now be more transparent for the public's scrutiny and comment.

A website has been created by the HSE, which explains the aim and the objectives of horizon scanning and will cover a wide range of developments.

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17 Oct 2004 – New HSE Web Site Area on Pesticides

Non-Agricultural and Biocide Pesticide Pages on HSE Website

Within the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website are pages on non-agricultural pesticide and biocides controls. Non-agricultural pesticides and biocide regulations are authorised by the HSE within the UK.

Biocides are used in the controlling of unwanted organisms, such as fungi, bacteria and viruses. The intention of biocides is to either control or kill the harmful to humans bacteria, by chemical or biological means.

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14 Oct 2004 – Caithness to Benefit from Awareness Day

Caithness in Scotland to Benefit from Farming Awareness Day

Caithness lies in the North-East of Scotland and has had very little contact with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) over recent years, but on Thursday 2 December 2004 at the Caithness Livestock Centre, Watten near Wick, the HSE and National Farmers Union (NFU) will be visiting with their Scotland Safety Awareness Day.

Invited to this free event are 600 self-employed farmers and their families, which will be on a first come first served basis owing to the limited number of available spaces. Soup and a roll will be served.

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*Dr Roger Nourish:
"Sensible health and safety is about managing risks not eliminating all risk, however minor."*

12 Oct 2004 – HSE Science and Research Web Site

HSE Introduce New Science and Research Newsletter and Interactive Website

Bill Callaghan:
"I am committed to our vision of health and safety as a cornerstone of a civilised society...to achieve a world class record of workplace health and safety."

The introduction of a new science and research newsletter and interactive website by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is a new resource, which will provide regular and new information on the science and engineering activities of health and safety to meet the requirements of the 21st century.

Within the new resource, there is a "latest news" section, providing the very latest reports on a wide range of topics.

A subscribed quarterly newsletter to the HSE Science and Outlook will be published, daily e-mail notifications specific to areas of interest and a facility for comments to provide the HSE with feedback.

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12 Oct 2004 – New Approach by HSE to Occ' Asthma

Occ' Asthma in Vehicle Bodyshop Paint-Sprayers: New approach taken by HSE

In a bid to publicise the hazards to the health of vehicle bodyshop paint-sprayers using 2-pack Isocyanates paints, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are offering free training to employers, which is aimed at reducing the high levels of occupational asthma

within the industry.

The estimated recorded cases of work related asthma to paint-sprayers in vehicle bodyshops is 1,500 each year, with the use of Isocyanates being one of the largest causes of asthma in the paint spraying industry.

Unfortunately, this figure may actually be twice as high.

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HSfB:
"There is no such thing as a "stupid" or "daft" health and safety question!"

12 Oct 2004 – HSE Publish Figures on Costs to UK

Updates on HSE Website for Workplace Accidents and Work Related Ill-Health Costs to Britain

Interim estimates updated on costs to Britain of workplace accidents and work related ill-health has been prepared by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The updated estimates show an indication in 2001/02 of the failure costs within health and safety to businesses.

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12 Oct 2004 – New HSE Web Site, Electrical Safety

New HSE WebPages for Electrical Safety at Work

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has provided, within their website, information in a summarised version making it suitable for a wider audience, in order that under the requirements of the law, decisions on how to work safely with electricity can be beneficial.

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Featured Web Sites

Within each issue of the HSfB newsletter, we will be featuring web sites that may be of interest to you.

IonActive Consulting

IonActive Consulting provides radiation protection adviser services to the small user in non-nuclear sectors around the UK. If you are a university, museum, school, vet, dentist or in industry we can help. We have significant radiation protection experience gained from working in both the nuclear and small user sector.

Safetyphoto

Looking for Health and Safety photos?

Safetyphoto is a new site where you can view photos, send in your own, or register to see the full collection. It brings together photographs of hazards, poor working procedures and near misses in the workplace. The photos really do speak for themselves.

You can also view the photo of the week/month.

HSfB Community Forums

Why not come along and search our community forums to answer your queries or check out our H & S comedy section, you could even register and be part of our ever growing friendly health and safety discussion board. Click this area to go directly there, it's all FREE....

HSfB Statistics for the Month So Far

Top 10 Downloads

1. Management Style Questions - Paper 1
2. Summary of H & S Acts and Regulations - PowerPoint
3. Management Style Answers - Paper 1
4. Hazards Style Questions - Paper 1
5. General Definitions Web Page Show
6. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate – Spreadsheet
7. The Six Pack – Spreadsheet
8. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips.doc by Jane Riley
9. Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 – PowerPoint
10. Civil Law and Criminal Law – PowerPoint

Top 10 Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
4. Toolbox Talks
5. PowerPoint Presentations by HSfB
6. Practice Q's and A's
7. Legislation News
8. News
9. PowerPoint Presentations by Other People
10. Useful Links

Top 5 Browsers

1. MS Internet Explorer
2. Mozilla
3. Netscape
4. Safari
5. Opera

Average Visits/day = 344

Max Visits/day = 588

Visits This Month = 7919

Bandwidth Usage = 5505GB

Total Visits Ever = 51,539

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Our principal functions and activities are to provide continuing advice to beginners in the health and safety field, links to various employment agencies which highlight health and safety careers, links to various training companies for health and safety and also to update professionals on current health and safety news/events.



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