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New Site Downloads

No new downloads in this issue.

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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

As this is the last newsletter of 2004, HSfB would like to wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a very prosperous, healthy and most of all, SAFE new year!

This year has been a fantastic year for HSfB with our visitor numbers increasing from 5,000 during May, to an incredible on target figure of 12,000 visits this month.

We have been recognised by local radio for our achievements, and have also attended birthday celebrations by NEBOSH themselves, which may bring about even more good fortune for HSfB in the coming months/years.

All because of you!

Click the following link for a special festive message from HSfB:

[Happy Holidays!](#)



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

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

Make Your Point!

We at **HSfB** try to provide an impartial, informative source of the latest news stories, new legislation and reports etc. However, we recognise that you may have opinions and views on various articles published on our **HSfB News** area. With this in mind, we would like to commence with a pilot scheme, which we are naming - **Make Your Point!** The scheme will enable you to contact us with your views and opinions which we will publish (in complete anonymity if requested) in our fortnightly newsletter. Simply send us your opinions and we will publish your views, without bias.

Click this link for further information [more....](#)

HSfB Preview of Website Relaunch

HSfB is nearly one year old (February 2005) and we feel it is about time to move away from our original web site format and aim for a more simplistic and functional web site.

Our new web site will not appeal to everybody, nor does the current one appeal to everybody, but we feel that even before our 1st anniversary, we should mark the occasion with phase one of our new face. Phase two will commence later in 2005 with aims for accessibility to comply with internet disability laws and guidelines.

You can have an exclusive preview of our new website and read more of our future changes by clicking this link: [Click for a preview of HSfB Phase One](#)

New Legislation

**Fire and Rescue
Services Act 2004
(Consequential
Amendments)
(England) Order
2004**

**The Building
(Amendment) (No.3)
Regulations 2004**

New Consultations

**Consultation on
guidance to the
amended COMAH
regulations**

**HSC Consultative
letter: Proposals for
new safety
regulations for
railways and other
guided transport
systems**

16 Dec 2004 – Changes for Home Electrical Work

Update on New Building Regulation Changes for Home Electric Work

As we reported on 8 July 2004, "A range of new building controls aiming at better, safer buildings and new regulations for householders and D.I.Y. enthusiasts have been announced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister", these regulations will become effective from **1 January 2005**.

Electrical safety within the home is part of the aims of these new regulations, by bringing them within the rules of the building regulations, in a bid to reduce the risks of unsafe installations.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

16 Dec 2004 – TUC & RoSPA Xmas Office Planner

RoSPA and TUC Planner for Safe Office Christmas Parties

As the festive season draws closer and office parties are in full swing, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) have joined in collating an office planner publication as a guidance for the health and safety of workers, in order that the party will not be dampened by accidents and injury.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

13 Dec 2004 – Safety Info in 21 Languages

HSE and TUC Produce New Safety Information in 21 Languages

A new guide for workers "Your Health Your Safety" has been produced by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) in 21 different languages, as a provision for migrant workers working within the U.K. to help them understand their rights where health and safety is concerned within their workplace.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

10 Dec 2004 – RoSPA Annual Awards

RoSPA Invites Businesses to Enter Awards Programme

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) are inviting businesses who feel they have excellence in health and safety work practices to apply for their annual awards trophies, presented in both England and Scotland.

RoSPA have more than 1,000 companies, both in the UK and around the world whom occupational awards have been presented after proving their management of health and safety at work practices are excellent.

The awards aim is to provide encouragement and best management practices for the promotion of safety in the workplace.

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HSfB:

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

10 Dec 2004 – 2nd Work Your Proper Hours Day - February 25 2005

Second Work Your Proper Hours Day Set for February 25 2005

The second *Work Your Proper Hours Day* comes round again on Friday 25 February 2005, when the Trades Union Congress (TUC) call for workers who work unpaid hours to arrive on time, leave on time and take their full lunch break.

As with last February's campaign, the TUC have chosen this day next February after using the official Labour Force Survey, which is a measure of unpaid overtime, in order to make the decision as to when the Work Your Proper Hours Day should fall.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

9 Dec 2004 – HSE Warning on Correct Use of Lanyards

HSE Warning on Correct Use of Twin Tailed Energy Absorbing Lanyards

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued a warning on the importance of following manufacturer's instructions when using twin-tailed, energy-absorbing lanyards and all fall-arrest equipment.

The HSE are issuing this warning due to their concern over the circumstances of a fatal accident in Australia. The HSE say there could be a replica incident within the UK if manufacturer's instructions are not followed correctly.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

9 Dec 2004 – National Framework Publication for Fire and Rescue Service

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Following the publication of the 2004/05 National Framework for Fire and Rescue Service in July 2004 and responses received from its consultation, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has now published the 2005/06 Fire and Rescue Service National Framework.

The framework consists of Government expectations for the Fire and Rescue Service, with a Government provision for greater emphasis being placed on fire prevention and support from the Government.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

8 Dec 2004 – Health and Safety No Excuse for Discrimination of Disabled

Health and Safety No Excuse for Discrimination of Disabled

Health and safety is no excuse for discriminating against employing people with disabilities, states a new guidance leaflet published by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. The guidance highlights the fact that there are positive benefits to companies who provide accessibility and safe practices for the disabled. Compliance with Anti-discrimination Legislation not only provides safe working conditions for the disabled, but provides a safer, more accessible environment for all employees and clients alike.

*The European Agency
Director:*

*"Europe needs to
employ an increasingly
diverse workforce, and
this factsheet provides
practical support
towards this objective."*

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)



6 Dec 2004 – Major Killer on Farm and Rural Land

Seminar Simulation Highlights Major Killer on Farm and Rural Land

A seminar, by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Environment Agency, as part of their working at heights and workplace transport series aimed at farmers, occupiers and rural land managers, visited North Yorkshire and County Durham regions last week incorporating a simulation inspection of a farm near Scotch Corner within their event.

The simulation aimed to show how workers within the agriculture industry and their families can avoid deaths in the working at height and workplace transport areas.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

6 Dec 2004 – HSE MAC Tool Demonstrated

HSE MAC Tool Demonstrated at Printing Health and Safety Seminar

A free seminar in the Southwest of England, by the HSC's Printing Industries Advisory Committee (PIAC), comprising of representatives of the CBI, TUC, and HSE was held last month, where approximately 80 delegates were given a

demonstration of the HSE's Manual Handling Assessment Chart (MAC) tool, by an ergonomics professional from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Injuries within the printing and publishing industry are 34% of all reported

manual handling injuries and this tool can provide simple, easy to use instructions and advice for in-house manual handling risk assessments.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

6 Dec 2004 – Yule Rue The Day

Transport Secretary Launches Yule Rue The Day Drink Drive Campaign

Today, Monday 6 December 2004 Mr. Alistair Darling, Transport Secretary, launches the new festive season road safety campaign, which warns of the dangers to motorists and other people when alcohol is consumed prior to driving. The campaign highlights the fact that it takes less alcohol than drivers think to impair driving ability.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

5 Dec 2004 – STUC Concern Over Stockline

STUC Concern over Stockline Employers Withdrawal of Enhanced Sick Pay

The STUC are dismayed at the decision by Stockline employers to withdraw enhanced sick pay payments to the injured workers from the Maryhill tragedy which occurred in Glasgow on 11 May this year. The withdrawal of the enhanced sick pay coincides with the workers entitlement to Statutory Sick Pay providing a lack of Christmas cheer for the victims.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

"It is imperative that children are not exposed to workplace hazards and that older people make a reasonable assessment of their physical and technical capabilities before carrying out work on the farm."
A Health and Safety Inspector

Mr. Alistair Darling,
Transport Secretary:
"You can't calculate your own drink/drive limit and the only safe way is not to drink and drive."

Featured Web Sites

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

Environment Agency – Am I at Risk of Flooding?

What is the likelihood of flooding in your area? Use our Flood Map to find out. You can also find out how your home insurance might be affected, about how flooding can occur miles away from rivers or the sea, and how you can receive early warnings of floods.

Floodline is a 24-hour telephone information service operated by the Environment Agency in England and Wales and by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) in Scotland (All calls are charged at local rate).

Safe and Healthy Working

Safe and Healthy Working is a new occupational health and safety service for small and medium sized enterprises in Scotland.

Free and confidential National Adviceline for employees and employers.

Professional advisers available throughout Scotland to carry out a workplace visit to identify the occupational health and safety needs in your organisation

A website specifically designed for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), providing information and advice.

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 Site Statistics for December to Date

Top 10 Downloads

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| 1. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips by Jane Riley | 7. Management Style Answers - Paper 3 |
| 2. Management Style Questions - Paper 1 | 8. Hazards Style Questions - Paper 1 |
| 3. Management Style Answers - Paper 1 | 9. Hazard Style Answers - Paper 2 |
| 4. Hazard Style Answers - Paper 1 | 10. Quick Revision sheet H&S Law by Jane Riley |
| 5. Model Inspection Report by Jane Riley | |
| 6. Management Style Answers - Paper 2 | |

Top 10 Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Toolbox Talks
4. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
5. Legislation News
6. Practice Q's and A's
7. News
8. Career Links
9. Misc' Downloads
10. Training Links

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats So Far This Month

Average Daily Visits = 391

Max Daily Visits (Nov) = 504

Visits This Month = 7,053

Bandwidth (Dec) = 4,297GB

Total Visits (approx) = 72,346

Forum Members = 141

Newsletter Subscribers = 125

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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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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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