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New Site Downloads

No new downloads since the last issue.

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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

Once again this newsletter is dedicated to those who have lost so much in Asia after the unimaginable devastation caused by the Tsunami on Boxing Day.

The aid already generously donated by everybody does not last for ever, but with your continuing help, it can do a world of good and last a great deal longer to help

rebuild the lives of those affected.

We all watch the news. We are all intelligent people. We all know that a very small amount of money can make a difference, so why not? The link to donate is at the foot of this newsletter again, please give what you can.

Thank you!



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

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

Make Your Point!

First of all I would like to comment on how much I enjoy the articles published in each issue. As a Health & Safety Practitioner it is difficult sometimes keeping up to date with new legislation. HSfB has lightened this burden for all of its subscribers. What I think is missing from HSfB is a section advertising the various vacancies for Health and Safety posts nationwide. I do not know if this can be incorporated at some stage or if it is a topic you would like to stay clear of. This is a personal comment but one which is shared by individuals I have spoken to.

PS Keep up the good work. **David Beddow TechSP**

Click this link to *Make Your Point!* [Do you have a comment to add?](#)

HSfB Website Relaunch - Complete

The relaunch of HSfB has went without a hitch...ahem...well, almost without a hitch, give or take the extra mountain of work created unexpectedly. The new pages should hopefully be easier to understand and find what you are looking for, also with a more logical approach. Your feedback on the new site design would be very much appreciated.

There are quite a few news archive stories not yet transferred to the new design, but this project is ongoing and will take some time. There is more to tell you but not enough room in this issue I'm afraid, but if you keep your eye on our Site News pages then you can keep up with our progress.

Click this link for [Site News](#)

New Legislation

**The Fireworks
(Amendment)
Regulations 2004**

**Control of
Substances
Hazardous to Health
(Amendment)
Regulations 2004**

**Freedom of
Information
(Removal and
Relaxation of
Statutory
Prohibitions on
Disclosure of
Information) Order
2004**

New Consultations

**HSC Consultations -
Proposals for the
genetically modified
organisms
(Contained Use)
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005**

**Proposals for new
amending
Regulations about
the Classification,
Packaging and
Labelling of
Chemicals: (CHIP
3.1)**

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

21 Jan 2005 – HSE Launch Free SME Indicator Tool**HSE Launch Free SME Indicator Tool**

A free tool, the Health and Safety Performance Indicator, available from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website, is now available to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME's), offering the ability to track and assess performance of their own health and safety.

The Indicator will provide information to SME's in areas such as: assessing regular performance; providing information for insurance companies to calculate insurance premiums; and providing comparisons across wide areas within SME's

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20 Jan 2005 – HSE, Don't Cut Corners on Clean Ups**HSE Warn Not to Cut Corners on Storm Clean Ups**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are urging businesses in the recent storm affected areas to think carefully before tackling repair work. They are concerned that temptation to cut corners when businesses are replacing roof tiles or clearing fallen trees may lead to accidents and injuries.

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

20 Jan 2005 – Better Health at Work at Kirklees**Better Health at Work Initiative to visit Kirklees in Huddersfield**

A *Better Health at Work Initiative* is being launched by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), in partnership with Kirklees Environmental Services, the Primary Care Trust and Job Centre Plus, providing information and support to small businesses of over 5 but less than 250 employees.

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

20 Jan 2005 – HSE and NYBEP H & S Event**HSE and NYBEP Health and Safety Event for Work Experience**

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) once again is calling on employers to arrange for heating to be turned on prior to workers return from Christmas holiday period.

The legal temperature of at least 16oC should be complied with, but the TUC receive many telephone calls from workers complaining of freezing temperatures upon returning to work after businesses have been closed over the Festive Season.

The health of workers having to endure such cold temperatures can affect dexterity, mobility and perhaps add to conditions such as arthritis, heart disease and muscular disorders.

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

17 Jan 2005 – RoSPA Model for Safer Speed and Mobile Phone Drivers

RoSPA Model for Safer Speed and Mobile Phone Company Drivers

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), being leaders of a campaign which highlighted the risks involved for company car and van drivers whilst driving as part of their job, have produced new publications - *Driving for Work - Safer Speed Policy and Driving for Work Mobile Phones*. The publications are supported by the Department for Transport and are intended to help employers deal with the problems of driving too fast and using mobile phones whilst continuing to drive.

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

17 Jan 2005 – CIPD Confirms Mental Health Problems Require Attention

CIPD Research Confirms Mental Health Problems Require Employers Attention

Stress and other mental health problems within the workplace, accounting for approximately 50% of absenteeism last year, is a challenge for employers to reduce the increasing absence levels, says the Government, which research by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), confirms. The CIPD says greater effort to rehabilitate is necessary, especially with long-term absenteeism.

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

13 Jan 2005 – New Report by TUC on Dyslexia - The Hidden Disability

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A report on dyslexia in the workplace, published by the Trades Union Congress (TUC), is aimed at providing information for employers to highlight the difficulties encountered by workers with this "hidden disability", which affects 2.9 million workers within the UK.

The report warns managers that dyslexic employees can be misjudged unfairly. Some dyslexic victims are often unaware of having this difficulty and can be frustrated, anxious or suffer from low esteem in the workplace.

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

13 Jan 2005 – Latest HSE Blitz in East and South East Reaches Herts

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Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Inspectors, working in partnership with Environmental Health Officers from Hertsmere Borough Council are to visit workplaces in Hertsmere, commencing week beginning 17 January 2005, where manufacturing and commercial workplaces will be chosen at random. There will also be HSE officers from the Construction Division in the area, although priority is within the manufacturing industry.

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

*HM Principal Inspector
for the area:*

*"We will be
concentrating on the
two areas that cause
the most serious
accidents at work -
workplace transport and
working at height."*

"We welcome this training as an opportunity for small businesses to get up to date information on health and safety law."
Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce.

12 Jan 2005 – H & S Awareness Day in London

Health and Safety Awareness Day Forthcoming in London

A Health and Safety Awareness Day is being planned to take place on Tuesday 18 January 2005, at Glaxo Smithkline House, 980 Great Western Road, Brentford.

The event will provide an opportunity for small businesses of less than 50 people, who may not be able to afford the expense of employing their own Health and Safety Officer, relevant information to their own business presented very informally by Health and Safety professionals, local authorities, HSE/London Boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

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

11 Jan 2005 – Prof - Risk to Kids Using Mobiles

Professor Warns of Potential Health Risk to Children Using Mobile Phones

Professor Sir William Stewart, Chairman of the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB), has announced his concern over the potential health risks to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years, by the use of mobile phones.

He has based his

comments on a report from Europe, which shows concern over tumors in the ears and the using of mobile phones, which Professor Stewart believes may affect children. Although there are concerns over such potential risks, there is no conclusive proof.

A study carried out by the Independent Expert Group in 2000...

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*Mr. Kevin Clinton,
RoSPA Head of Road
Safety:
"Studies have shown
that cutting the drink-
drive limit from 80mg to
50mg could save 50
lives and 250 serious
injuries a year."*

11 Jan 2005 – RoSPA - Reduce Drink Drive Limit

RoSPA Calls for Government to Reduce Drink Drive Limit

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) are calling for the Government to reduce the drink drive limit from 80mg to 50mg using the new Road Safety Bill. They are also calling for breath tests to be carried out randomly at any time or place.

The campaign by RoSPA comes as the new Road Safety Bill is now being presented to Parliament and due for its second reading shortly, which would be the ideal time to improve upon drink drive laws, in order to gain a quicker response to the high figures connected to accidents caused by driving whilst above the legal drink levels. The Christmas season figures show "virtually no improvement" say RoSPA.

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

11 Jan 2005 - Crematoria Emissions Abatement

Crematoria Mercury Emissions Abatement Required by 2012

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the Welsh Assembly Government and the Scottish Executive, having consulted twice on mercury emissions from crematoria, have decided that the 50% of crematoria requiring mercury abatement will be given a further year to upgrade their controls. The implementation date will now be 31 December 2012.

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

Featured Web Sites

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

[TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL](#) [DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE](#)

This appeal is being run again because help is still needed.

Please make a donation if you haven't already done so.

Click this area for the official UK organisation coordinating efforts to raise as much money as possible to help rebuild the countries affected.

Donation enquiries to: 0207 436 6000

Text “DONATE” to 83321 and £1.50 will be donated to the appeal.

[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 January 2005

Top 10 Downloads

1. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
2. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson
3. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates
4. Working At Height by Ron Bonner
5. Management Style Questions - Paper 1
6. Craig Lydiate OSHAS 18001 Slideshow

7. Civil Law and Criminal Law
8. Management Style Answers - Paper 1
9. Hazard Style Questions - Paper 1
10. Case Studies – Duty of Care – Negligence

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Legislation News
4. Toolbox Talks
5. News
6. Revision – Jane Riley
7. Useful Links
8. Training Links
9. Contents
10. Career Links

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats So Far This Month

Average Daily Visits = 384

Max Daily Visits (Jan) = 517

Visits This Month = 8,082

Bandwidth (Jan) = 5,685MB

Total Visits (approx) = 82,556

Forum Members = 162

Newsletter Subscribers = 141

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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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