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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

We hope that this issue of our newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Have you just about recovered from the holiday season? Are you still sticking to your new years resolutions? I certainly answer NO to both!

February already and the aftermath of January is lingering on for most I suspect.

Hopefully your year looks set to be as prosperous and filled with learning as it is going to be for HSfB, giving us all the opportunity of learning and growing together. We are expecting to see sponsorship for the site rise, which can only mean a greater service and wider range of services to you throughout this coming year.

Once again a big thank you for your continuing support and don't forget there are more articles on the main site which have not made it to this issue.



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



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

HSfB Needs Your Help – Study Aids/Tips

Can you help us to grow HSfB even more?

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

New Legislation

The Health
Protection Agency
Act 2004
(Commencement)
Order 2005

New Consultations

*No new
consultations since
last issue.*

4 Feb 2005 – SME's to Benefit from Free Advice

SME's to Benefit from Free Health and Safety Advice

Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME's) are to benefit from a ground-breaking £20 Million pilot scheme, Workplace Health Direct, enabling them to receive free health and safety advice, including prevention of work-related ill health and getting people back to work.

The scheme, run by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), will provide SME's with a free problem-solving service directing employers to specialist help and a free national advice line.

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

2 Feb 2005 – New HSE Webpage for Quarry Industry

New HSE Webpage for Health and Safety in Quarry Industry

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have made provision within their website for *Health and Safety in the Quarry Industry*, in order to tackle the high rate of injury within the industry. The quarry industry has the highest injury rate and averaged 3 times above the construction injury rate in June 2000.

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

2 Feb 2005 – HSE Research Report - Fall/Arrest

New HSE Research Report on Fall Prevention and Arrest Equipment

A research report has been produced, prepared by Glasgow Caledonian University School of the Built and Natural Environment for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), on Fall Prevention and Arrest Equipment within the Construction Industry. The aim of the study was to show safety benefits and limitations within the construction industry's high injury and fatality rate from working at height.

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

1 Feb 2005 – HSE December Report on SPAD's

HSE December Report Published for Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) report for December 2004, which is their sixty-fourth monthly report of SPAD's on the mainline railway network.

The November report overall showed a 21 decrease in the average figure for the month over the past 6 years, breakdown of which can be found on our HSfB news report of 6 January 2005.

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

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

31 Jan 2005 – RoSPA Backs Children’s Play in Northern Ireland

RoSPA Backs Children’s Play in Northern Ireland

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and theatre company Replay Productions are together producing a play entitled *We All Fall Down*, which commences today (Monday 31 January 2005) for a 6 week period.

The aim of the play is to reduce the number of children within Northern Ireland, who attend hospital with injuries arising from falls in the home.

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

31 Jan 2005 – Second Work Your Proper Hours Day 25 February 2005

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A Work Your Proper Hours Day organised by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) is planned for Friday 25 February 2005.

As with the first Work Your Proper Hours Day, in January 2004, the TUC are calling for workers to take a "proper" lunch-break away from workstations and to leave at the correct time.

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

31 Jan 2005 – Magnetic Bead Could Stop Radiation in Mobile Phones

Magnetic Bead Could Stop Radiation in Mobile Phones

Professor Lawrie Challis, Chairman of the Mobile Telecommunications and Health Research Programme, has told the BBC of a bead device, normally used for stopping interference in computers, if attached to the wire of hands-free mobile phones, could stop harming radio waves traveling up the wire to the head.

He has urged the mobile phone industry to use them "as standard", although there is, as yet, no evidence of mobile phone rays being harmful.

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

28 Jan 2005 – Beware of Sunbed Operatives Lack of H & S Compliance

Beware of Sunbed Operatives Lack of Health and Safety Compliance

As the holiday season will soon be with us, many people will perhaps be visiting sunbed salons prior to jetting off to sunnier destinations. However, Warrington Council EHP's have revealed some risk factors which the public should be aware of.

Warrington Council EHP's investigated 42 sunbed establishments. EHP's posing as clients were used, (the first survey of it's kind) to investigate the means by which customers were given information and advice on health risks and the provisions, within these establishments, for the safe use of equipment by members of staff.

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

*Mr. Albert Gilbert:
"Sunbed operators who do not identify people with vulnerable skin types and who do not monitor how often people are using facilities are failing in their duty..."*

“These figures are a great achievement. Going to a football match in this country has never been safer.”
FLA Chief Executive.

27 Jan 2005 – Spectators Injury Rate Falls

Spectators Injury Rate Falls in Football Grounds

Spectator accident and injuries at Premiership and International football matches in England and Wales has fallen to the lowest level yet, reports the Football Licensing Authority (FLA). This season (2003/04) the recorded injury rate was 1 injury in 27,432, compared with 1 injury in 20,723 being recorded in the season 2002/03.

This seasons figures are 50% less than five years ago.

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

26 Jan 2005 – Results of HSE Blitz in Hertsmere

Results of HSE Blitz in Hertsmere

As we at HSfB reported on 13 January 2005, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Inspectors working in partnership with Environmental Health Officers from Hertsmere Borough Council, visited randomly chosen workplaces within the area offering guidance and

advice for manufacturing and construction industries. More than 50 work premises in Hertsmere were visited and found to have had a mix of good and bad health and safety standards.

The main focus of these

surprise visits was on the manufacturing industry at Radlett, Bushey, Borehamwood and Potters Bar, with construction sites and farms also receiving visits mainly aimed at working at height.

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

26 Jan 2005 – Farm Safety Campaign Disappointing

Farm Vehicles Safety Campaign Disappointing

A recent campaign by the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE's) Agricultural Health and Safety Inspectors in North Devon and West Somerset resulted in disappointment. The 16 inspectors involved in the campaign, having spot checked 72 farms over a 2 day period, issued:

- 43 Improvement Notices.
- 14 Prohibition Notices.

Officials attending also noted that the majority of farmers recognised the importance of regular vehicle maintenance...

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24 Jan 2005 - HSE Warn of Fake Mailshots

HSE Warn of Fake Health and Safety Mailshots

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have issued a warning to companies receiving letters for payment, in order that businesses comply with Health and Safety Law. There are two firms, purporting to regulate health and safety law by asking for payments, the names of which are: **Health and Safety Registration Enforcement Division (HSRED)**, and **Health and Safety Enforcement Agency (HSEA)**.

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*An HSE Inspector:
“We were encouraged to find that there was improved general awareness amongst farmers during our visits of the need to receive formal training for driving quad bikes...”*

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

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.

National Ag Safety Database (NASD)

The National Ag Safety Database (NASD) is a web-based central repository of health, safety, and injury prevention materials for the agricultural community. With support from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the USDA-CSREES (Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service), we have been reworking the look of NASD and expanding the volumes of information within it. With your help, we can make NASD more useful than ever!

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. Working At Height by Ron Bonner
3. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson
4. Management Style Questions - Paper 1
5. Craig Lydiate OSHAS 18001 Slideshow
6. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates
7. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident
8. Safety Induction - by Malcolm Strong
9. Case Studies – Duty of Care – Negligence
10. Management Style Answers - Paper 1

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Legislation News
4. News
5. Downloads - Documents
6. Useful Links
7. Toolbox Talks
8. Downloads - PowerPoints
9. Contents
10. Revision Aids by Jane Riley

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for January

Average Daily Visits = 400

Max Daily Visits (Jan) = 778

Visits in January = 12,401

Bandwidth (Jan) = 8,200MB

Total Visits (approx) = 85,479

Forum Members = 174

Newsletter Subscribers = 153

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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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