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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.

This issue is published on a day that has set its place in history as the day a *great* man passes away.

John Paul II, as we all know, has helped and affected millions of lives over his extraordinary life. Celebration of his life will help to keep his good work alive.

Your Articles

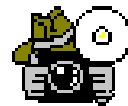
Your Articles page welcomes another fine article from Frank Cooper on trade unions and where to find information on the web about trade unions. Thank you Frank.

You can read the entire article on the [Your Articles](#) page.

We hope you enjoy this issue, feel free to pass it on to colleagues.



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



[SafetyPhoto](#)

Your Articles – Trade Unions and H & S

What the Trade Unions have to say about Health & Safety

Anyone who has a direct involvement with health and safety in their workplace will come into contact with trade unions, whether it is through attendance at Safety Committee meetings, involvement with Union Safety Representatives or possibly as a result of accident investigations etc. Whilst all Safety Representatives are entitled to receive relevant health and safety training (Safety Representatives & Safety Committees Regulations 1977), additional information is also available to them, normally directly from their particular trade union.

In the current era most trade unions have developed a website to provide information to their members on a variety of health and safety topics and these sites can also be useful to the safety practitioner.

What follows is a list of some of the most common trade unions and their website addresses, with notes telling you what to expect to find on each particular site.

Please click the following link to read more of this article: [Your Articles](#)

Regulation Corner**New Legislation****Work at Height
Regulations 2005****Health and Safety
(Fees) Regulations
2005****New Consultations****Proposals to
consolidate and
revise the
Construction
(Design and
Management) (CDM)
Regulations 1994
and the
Construction (Health
Safety and Welfare)
(CHSW) Regulations
1996, and revise the
supporting guidance****Corporate
Manslaughter: The
Government's Draft
Bill for Reform****The Planning
(Control of Major
Accident Hazards)
Regulations 2005****31 March 2005 – Review of RIDDOR****Launch of Discussion Document for Review of RIDDOR**

An online discussion document has been published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR).

The aim of the discussion document is to provide an easier, more understandable reporting system for compliance without the burden to businesses of undue administrative costs and unnecessary bureaucracy.

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31 March 2005 – HSE Findings on Blitz in Wales**HSE Findings on Construction Blitz in Wales**

A report of findings and actions taken on a construction site inspection blitz carried out in the South Wales area by Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspectors during the month of March 2005, has now been produced.

The blitz inspectors visited 51 construction sites, covering 66 companies.

Key findings reported by the inspectors included:

- 5 sites were deemed so dangerous that they had to be stopped immediately; working at height without adequate safeguards and site order and organisation.

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31 March 2005 – The Economic Cost of Fire**The Economic Cost of Fire in England and Wales**

The economic cost of fire in England and Wales in 2003 was £7.7billion, reports the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

The main findings of the report and the cost to the economy are broken down as follows:

- The overall cost of fire to the economy in 2003 was £7.7 billion
- The average cost of fire in a commercial building is £58,100
- The average cost of a domestic fire is £25,300

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31 March 2005 – Construction Blitz Stoppages**Construction Blitz in Gloucestershire Results in Stoppages**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) carried out an unannounced inspection blitz in the Gloucestershire area within the construction industry recently. They have reported that following inspections of 51 sites, 16 work activities were stopped or suspended immediately until incorrect health and safety practices had been altered.

The two week blitz ran from 11 February 2005 to 11 March 2005, with 6 HSE inspectors spot checking 51 construction sites covering 78 companies.

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30 March 2005 – New Hazardous Waste Regulations

New Hazardous Waste Regulations for England

New Hazardous Waste Regulations for England, replacing the Special Waste Regulations 1996, meeting the European Hazardous Waste Directive, have been laid before Parliament.

Environment Minister, Mr. Elliot Morley – *“I am pleased we have been able to lay these regulations which will be the cornerstone of our controls on hazardous waste now and for many years to come.”*



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28 March 2005 – IOSH Urge Stakeholders for a Response to Consultation

IOSH Urge Stakeholders to Respond to Corporate Manslaughter Consultation

The Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) is urging stakeholders to respond to the Governments' consultation paper of the reformed proposed Corporate Manslaughter Bill before the closing date of 17 June 2005.

Although this long awaited Bill is welcomed by IOSH, they would like to see the new reformed Bill including the following areas:

- "The test applied for establishing gross management failure should not be dependent on proving the organisation sought to profit from the failure to comply with health and safety requirements."
- "It should cover all employing organisations."
- Formal duties for all company directors with the HSE guidance to have Directors' responsibilities for health and safety, achieving the status of an Approved Code of Practice.

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24 March 2005 – Corporate Manslaughter Bill Receives Tough New Laws

Corporate Manslaughter Bill Receives Tough New Laws

It was announced yesterday, Wednesday 23 March 2005, by the Home Secretary that tough new laws for fatalities in the workplace, caused by gross failure at senior management level, have been set out in a draft of the Corporate Manslaughter Bill.

The current law poses problems, in as much as there is a requirement to show a top managerial positioned person as being personally guilty before prosecution of a company can take place.

The new draft Corporate Manslaughter Bill states, that senior management who have grossly failed to take reasonable care of employees and others resulting in a fatality, a criminal offence has taken place, allowing the courts to look at a wider management conduct range.

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23 March 2005 – DDA Bill to Receive Second Reading

DDA Bill to Receive Second Reading in House of Commons Today

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) will receive its second reading in the House Of Commons this afternoon, fulfilling the next stage of the Governments promise to the 10 million disabled people in Great Britain.

A draft version of the Bill was scrutinised in Spring 2004, amended in Autumn 2004 and followed up by a debate in the House of Lords. It had its third reading in February 2005, with further amendments being made prior to its introduction in the House of Commons on 1 March 2005.

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

Lead Minister for the Bill
Maria Eagle:

“This is a landmark moment for Britain's 10 million disabled people and for society overall as the Bill helps bring an end to the discrimination that disabled people have faced for far too long.”

“With the Fire Safety Legislation changes coming into force this year, care home managers will be required to comply with any new legal responsibilities required.”

Extract from article.

22 March 2005 – Care Show Seminars - Fire Safety

The Care Show Organises Seminars for Fire Safety

In the light of the number of fatalities within our care homes, organisers of The Care Show will be holding seminars for fire safety, the first of which commences on Tuesday 5 April 2005 from 10am to 5.00pm and Wednesday 6 April 2005 from 10am to 4.00pm, at the Bournemouth International Centre.

The aim of the seminars is to provide Care Home Managers and Care Providers with advice and information on fire safety strategy highlighting 4 main areas: prevention, detection, containing and escape from fire.

Click this link for all four report links [more....](#)

22 March 2005 – HSC Open Meetings to Observers

HSC Open Meetings to Observers

The Health and Safety Commission (HSC) has decided from 5 April 2005, their meetings should be open to observers in compliance with their commitment to show what they do and how they make their decisions.

The first of these open meetings will take place

on 5 April, 2005 at Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HS.

For information on how to register for attendance and forthcoming meetings, please click on the following link:

[HSC - About the Health and Safety Commission](#)

HSfB:

“There is no such thing as a “stupid” or “daft” health and safety question!”

22 March 2005 – HSE Initiative, Waste & Recycling

HSE Three Year Initiative Launched Within Waste and Recycling Industry

A 3-year initiative has been launched by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in a bid to reduce fatalities and serious accidents within the waste and recycling industry.

The initiative will take the role of visiting both private companies and half of all councils who manage or contract out waste/recycling services, by means of initial visits by HSE Inspectors. The HSE Inspectors will assess policies, control measures and management procedures.

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22 March 2005 – HSE and LACORS Launch Guide

HSE and LACORS Launch Best Practice Working Together Guide

A guide was launched last week by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS), setting out best working practices between the HSE and Local Authorities (LA's).

Closer partnerships for the success of the HSC's Strategy for workplace health and safety in Great Britain to 2010 and beyond is the aim of the guide.

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Executive Director of LACORS, Mr. Derek Allen:

“This guide builds on the expertise in partnership working that already exists in local authorities and is further recognition of the vital role that local authorities have in reducing work related ill health and injury.”

Featured Web Sites

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

BBC Health – First Aid Action

BBC First Aid Online Course For All

This is the start of First Aid Action, the online course designed to give you the knowledge and confidence to deal with an emergency.

First aid skills are easy to learn - and you have them for life. It is likely that those nearest to you - your family and friends - will benefit most from what you learn.

And there is a short quiz to test your knowledge before tackling the rest of the course.

Abco Health and Safety Management

Abco Training provides a comprehensive training service to industry, with courses ranging from half-day general office risk assessment to the nationally recognised CITB five day Site Management Safety Training Scheme.

Let our confidence be your confidence.

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....

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Top 10 Downloads

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|---|--|
| 1. The Jane Riley Revision Pack | 7. Fork-Lift Trucks by HSfB |
| 2. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate | 8. Safety Induction - by Malcolm Strong |
| 3. Lifting and Handling Techniques | 9. HSWA - Main Sections Summary for NEBOSH Cert |
| 4. Working At Height by Ron Bonner | 10. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident - by HSfB |
| 5. Management Style Questions - Paper 1 | |
| 6. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips by Jane Riley | |

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Downloads – PowerPoints
4. Downloads – Documents
5. Toolbox Talks
6. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
7. Legislation News
8. News
9. Quick Revision Tips
10. Downloads – Miscellaneous

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for March in Total

Average Daily Visits = 425
Max Daily Visits = 755
Visits in March = 13,183
Bandwidth (March) = 9,831MB
Total Visits (approx) = 111,164
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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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