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New Site Downloads

New revision page created - Kevin Forbes Revision Cards.

New article by Duncan Abbott of [enricoSmog](#) - Personal Risk Assessment - Running the Risk

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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.

We are investigating the possibility of offering a new service unique to HSfB and would like to ask for your input with the decision to go ahead or not.

FREE SMS mobile phone text alerts for legislation additions to HSfB pages.

You can help by casting your vote on our very

simple Readers Poll on our home page. If the majority would like this new service, then we shall start the ball rolling as soon as possible, taking HSfB onto its next stage of development.

Your Articles

Your Articles page welcomes an excellent article by Duncan Abbott of [enricoSmog](#) - *Personal Risk Assessment - Running the Risk*

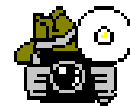
You can read the entire article on the [Your Articles](#) page.

Don't forget the other news articles on our News page.

We hope you enjoy this issue and please pass it on!



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



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Your Articles – Personal RA - Running the Risk

Personal Risk Assessment - Running the Risk

THERE IS no existing tool to help health and safety professionals carry out risk assessments for disabled workers. However, there is a legal and moral duty for employers to ensure the wellbeing and safety of disabled workers. By law, an employer must make reasonable adjustments to enable the disabled person to work safely and show that what they have done is "reasonably practicable". Here we look at some of the factors a health and safety professional should consider and discuss 3 examples of how to make reasonable adjustments.

Legal advice

First off, there are 3 recent legal cases that the health and safety professional should be aware of. In the case of Lane Group plc and another v Farmiloe, it was found that the employer had tried to accommodate Mr Farmiloe but due to his condition he was unable to wear the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). As no alternative employment was available, Mr Farmiloe was dismissed.

The opinion of the Employment Appeal Tribunal is that when an employee cannot comply with the PPE Regulations, the employer is in breach of his common law duty if he continues to employ the individual in breach of those Regulations.

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

Regulation Corner**New Legislation**

**Disability
Discrimination
(Providers of
Services)
(Adjustment of
Premises)
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005**

**The Control of
Vibration at Work
Regulations 2005**

**The Control of Major
Accident Hazards
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005**

**Export and Import of
Dangerous
Chemicals
Regulations 2005**

**Supply of Machinery
(Safety)
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005**

New Consultations

**The Review of the
Reporting of
Injuries, Diseases
and Dangerous
Occurrences
Regulations 1995
(RIDDOR)**

**Consultation on the
Gangmasters
(Appeals) Draft
Regulations**

16 April 2005 – Glasgow Plastics Factory Explosion**Glasgow Plastics Factory Explosion**

An explosion within Carrick Plastics, Springburn, Glasgow has resulted in 2 workers left with severe burns and 4 others with minor injuries.

The factory employs up to 100 people and is a production plant for plastic bottles and containers.

Workers have described the explosion as having produced a "big orange flame" with one workers' opinion being that one machine had blown up...

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

15 April 2005 – HSE Backs! Initiative 2005**HSE Backs! Initiative 2005**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are running a number of initiatives, aimed at reducing incidents of back injuries within workplaces by encouraging the use of handling aids.

Back injuries within the workplace in the UK accounts for 46% of all musculoskeletal (MSD) incidents.

The initiative will run over a 4 week period from 13 June 2005 to 8 July 2005 and will look at MSD issues in workplaces. There will be significant HSE resource inspection of workplaces throughout the initiative.

Further information on the Backs! Initiative can be found [Here...](#)

15 April 2005 – International Workers Memorial Day**Remember International Workers Memorial Day 2005**

Remember the International Workers Memorial Day 2005, which takes place each year in remembrance of those who have been either injured or killed due to accidents in the workplace.

This year, there will be a service within Ripon Cathedral, at 12 noon, on Thursday 28 April 2005.

Supported by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Trades Union Congress (TUC), the memorial service is open to everyone, with the main attention being on family and friends of those who have been injured or killed as a result of workplace accidents.

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

13 April 2005 – HSE Q & A Brief for WAH Reg's**HSE Question and Answer Brief for New Work at Height Regulations**

Following the implementation of the new Work at Height Regulations 2005 on 6 April 2005, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published a Questions and Answers Brief explaining the meaning of the new regulations in practice and what standards the HSE expect, in order to assist the construction industry.

Some of the key points within the new regulations, as pointed out by Mr. Kevin Myers, HSE's Chief Inspector of Construction, are listed in our news article which you can access by the link below.

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

13 April 2005 – Danish Research Sick Building Syndrome

Danish Research Report on Sick Building Syndrome

A research report, published by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency (DEPA), has concluded that the controversial sick building syndrome is a real health disorder.

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), or sick building syndrome as it is commonly known, has for over 20 years been unrecognised as a health disorder, due to its characteristic non-specific health symptoms.



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11 April 2005 – Fire Service Safety Research Suggests Lives at Risk

Fire Service Safety Research Suggests Lives at Risk

A Fire Service Safety Research, commissioned after the 9/11 tragedy to the Buildings Disaster Advisory Group (BDAG), has been commented on by the Fire Brigades Union as "the most critical fire service safety research in 50 years" and claims both Fire-fighters and the public's health and safety are being put at risk.

The BDAG research measured the effects on the human body of fire-fighting in a day to day scenario, such as extreme conditions in high-rise blocks.

Findings included:

- It found that a mix of heavy workload and heat from fires leads to dangerously high levels of heat exhaustion in fire-fighters even in normal fire-fighting conditions.
- In the research trials, the core body temperatures of fire-fighters reached such high levels that most of the tests had to be stopped.

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

9 April 2005 – First Intn'l Regulators Forum for Offshore Global Standards

First International Regulators Forum for Offshore Global Standards

An International Regulators Forum (IRF) was held in London, bringing together offshore industry representatives and regulators from around the World, with the aim of showing their commitment to producing much needed global consistency in common standards for health and safety.

Countries participating in the Forum included the following:

- UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE); U.S. Department of the Interior; Norwegian Minister of Labour and Social Affairs; Executive Director Exploration and Production Royal Dutch/Shell Group; BP Exploration & Production CEO; Many European Officials from the Americas and Australasia

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9 April 2005 – HSE Campaign to Reduce Slips and Trips

HSE Campaign to Reduce Slips and Trips in Health Sector

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are running a 2 year campaign to reduce the rise of 6% in slips and trips accidents within the health sector.

The HSE is concerned by the 54% of all slip and trip accidents occurring within the NHS. This figure exceeds the national average figure of 34%.

The campaign aims include:

- Prompting NHS employees into taking action to tackle slip and trip issues in their workplace

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Extract from the news article:

"Scotland has produced a new Safety Action Notice about smooth flooring and reducing the risk of pedestrian slip accidents."



6 April 2005 – HSE New Reg’s for Explosives

HSE Announce New Regulations for Manufacture and Storage of Explosives

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have announced that New Regulations for the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives will come into force on 26 April 2005, after having been laid before Parliament yesterday (Tuesday 5 April 2005).

The new Regulations, although retaining the original features and framework of The Explosives Act 1875, will be updated to take account of economic and technological changes.

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

5 April 2005 – RoSPA Congress Alongside Expo ‘05

RoSPA Congress 2005 to Run Alongside Safety & Health Expo 2005

As this years Safety & Health Expo 2005 at the NEC Birmingham on 17-19 May 2005 draws closer, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) have announced their RoSPA Congress 2005 will run alongside the event focus will include the following:

Opportunities to examine: the real challenges associated with error and human behaviour
Organisational capacity to investigate accidents and embed lessons learned
How to connect professional health and safety advice with other

parts of the business agenda
How to develop attitudes, knowledge and skills to ensure health and safety competence at all levels

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

5 April 2005 – HSE Feb Report for SPADs

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

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) report for February 2005, being their sixty-sixth monthly report of SPAD's on the mainline railway network.

This month's figures show a decrease of 9 in the average figure for this month over the past 6 years.

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

4 April 2005 – HSE Results Healthy Handling Blitz

HSE Results of March Healthy Handling Blitz

The Nationwide Healthy Handling Construction Blitz, undertaken by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in the month of March 2005, has now been concluded and results presented.

Inspectors targeted over 1,170 construction sites of all sizes with the focus being on manual handling, hand-held vibrating tools and equipment, use of wet cement and site order and organisation.

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

HSfB:

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

*Mr. Kevin Myers, HSE Chief Inspector for Construction:
“Work related ill health affects a significant number of construction workers, the sector has one of the highest rates of musculoskeletal disorder in the industry. Back problems, cement dermatitis and vibration white finger can ruin peoples' lives and force them out of the industry.”*

Featured Web Sites

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

[European Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organisations - ENSHPO](#)

The European Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organisations (ENSHPO) brings together health and safety practitioner organisations from the current EU member states, new member states, applicant countries, and other European countries.

[1074 Consulting - Health Safety Consultants Glasgow Scotland UK](#)

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[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 April 2005 – So Far

Top 10 Downloads

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

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads – PowerPoints
2. Revision
3. Toolbox Talks
4. Downloads – Documents
5. Legislation News
6. News
7. Revision Cards by Kevin Forbes
8. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
9. Downloads – Miscellaneous
10. Useful Links

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for April So Far

Average Daily Visits = 436
Max Daily Visits = 822
Visits in April = 7,415
Bandwidth (April) = 4,749MB
Total Visits (approx) = 118,579
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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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