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New Site Downloads

No new site downloads this week.

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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction **Safety and Health Expo '05**

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

We are still investigating the possibility of offering a free text messaging service.

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

Please take a moment to help by casting your vote on our very simple Readers Poll on our home page.

HSfB will be at this years Health and Safety Expo and we are looking forward to meeting some of our valued visitors. **Hope to see you there!**

Your Articles

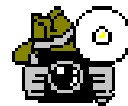
Your Articles page welcomes another excellent article by **Frank Cooper MIOSH RSP** - *Accident/III-Health Statistics & Road Transport Statistics.*

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

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



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



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

Your Articles – Accident & Ill Health Statistics

Accident/III-Health Statistics & Road Transport Statistics

Accident/ill-health statistics can paint a picture that can be a useful tool for the H&S practitioner. Such information can be used to identify specific trends and this can be useful in targeting a safety campaign etc.

Whilst most companies prepare accident statistics for their own purposes, sometimes it is useful to view the bigger picture. Since before the introduction of RIDDOR (Reporting of Incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995) the HSE has been producing UK-wide statistics on an annual basis. The current statistics are for the year 2003/2004 with information obtained from a variety of sources. The tables for 2004/2005 will not be available until later this year after the "number-crunching" exercise has been completed.

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

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

The Manufacture
and Storage of
Explosives
Regulations 2005

New Consultations

No new
consultations this
week.

HSfB:

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

29 April 2005 – Memorial Day Highlights Risks

Workers Memorial Day Highlights Risks in London Construction Industry

The Workers Memorial Day, held in London on Thursday 28 April), has highlighted the risks of being seriously injured or killed within the construction industry in the London area to be 17% greater than the rest of the U.K.

One of the key facts, highlighted at the event in London was that when averaged, construction workers in London are 17% more likely to be killed or seriously injured than elsewhere in Great Britain.

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

29 April 2005 – HSE Partnership with The Caretakers'

HSE Working Together Partnership with The Caretakers' Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have invited The Caretakers' Website to form a partnership, as part of the HSE's Working Together Programme for the betterment of health and safety within our workplaces.

The HSE will provide the very latest health and safety guidance specific to Caretakers to The Caretakers' Website where a dedicated area has been created for information supplied by the HSE, commencing with Work at Height.

The Caretakers' Website offers an invaluable service to School Caretakers, providing guidance and support to caretakers everywhere.

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

29 April 2005 – Shell Expro Fined Over Brent Bravo

Shell Expro Fined Over Brent Bravo Deaths

Following the hearing of Shell Expros' plea of guilty to breaching health and safety legislation on 30 March 2005, at Stonehaven Sheriff Court and further court appearance on 27 April 2005, the court has imposed a fine totaling £900,000.

Sean McCue and Keith Moncrieff were the two victims in the incident at Shell Expros' Brent Bravo Platform on 11 September 2003.

Shell Expro admitted the following breaches:

- Breaching of Sections 2(1) and 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and Regulation 3(1) of the management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

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

29 April 2005 – EU Directive to Quieten Noisy Toys

New 2006 EU Directive Aims to Reduce Noise Level of Nursery Toys

The new EU Directive 2002/49/EC due to come into force in February 2006, not only aims to reduce noise levels within the more obvious areas such as steel works and shipyards, but will include the level of noisy toys within primary schools, nurseries, day care centres and playgroups.

The new Directive requirement will have a maximum level of 86 decibels, with anything above requiring noise level risk assessments.

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26 April 2005 – Manufacture & Storage of Explosives

Manufacture & Storage of Explosives New Regulations in Force Today

The Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005 (S1 Number 2005/1082) have been laid before Parliament and come into force today (Tuesday).

Details of the new Regulations and further information on the Health and Safety Executives' (HSE's) Approved Code of Practice can be accessed on the HSE site or via our news article.

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

25 April 2005 – Study of Oil Rig Workers' Shift Patterns

Study of Oil Rig Workers Concludes Shift Patterns Detrimental to Health

Shift patterns in the workplace could cause greater risks of heart disease and diabetes, a study, commissioned by the Government for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) concluded.

The study also states that an increase in workplace accidents is greater when tired, as the shift worker becomes inattentive.

A team from the University of Surrey in Guildford, headed by Josephine Arendt, Chronobiologist and Psychologist Andrew Smith and Cardiff University Wales, studied the physiological and psychological health of shift workers.

The team undertook the study, using 45 off-shore oil-rig shift workers, as the offshore industry provides the most popular shift patterns worked. Two main shift schedules, operating over a 2 week period were compared.

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

21 April 2005 – Concern Over Unpunished Police Attacks

Scottish Police Federation Concerned Over Unpunished Police Attacks

The Scottish Police Federation (SPF) Conference, which took place yesterday, (Wednesday), attended by around 500 delegates, unanimously backed a call to condemn the "apparent lack of concern" over the prosecution of attacks to police officers, whilst carrying out their duties.

The criminal justice system in Scotland was condemned at their treating of police attacks as "a hazard of the job".

Some statistical findings discussed at the conference can be found in our article.

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

20 April 2005 – Risk Assessment Could Have Prevented Paint-shop Fatality

Risk Assessment Could Have Prevented Nottingham Paint-shop Fatality

A fatality at a Nottingham paint-shop, (Leadmaster Ltd) could have been prevented had correct training, supervision and risk assessment been done correctly said an HSE Inspector.

The victim of the incident, Mr. Robert Fountain, aged 60, was a new recruit within the company and had been spray-painting a 300kg fabricated steel grid, which was hanging from a forklift truck. The grid fell on him, trapping him against a steel table. Mr. Fountain was later found by his son Jason.

The company admitted to the charge at the Magistrates Court

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Mr. David Appleton,
HSE Inspector:
"This tragedy underlines
that simply planning a
job and thinking it
through is often the
most important way of
making sure it's done
safely."

19 April 2005 – H & S Law Update 05 Annual Seminars

Health and Safety Law Update 2005 Annual Seminars by EBIS-HSE



Euro Business Information Services (EBIS) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have arranged the venues for their 14th consecutive years' Annual Health and Safety Law Update seminars.

These seminars provide employers with the necessary updates to Health and Safety Legislation crucial to their compliance within their organisations.

The aim of the one-day seminars is to provide the most up-to-date information necessary for employers to understand the implications of key changes in Health and Safety Regulations.

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

19 April 2005 – WAH Safety Workshops by EBIS-HSE

Work At Height Safety 2005 In-Depth Workshops by EBIS-HSE

Euro Business Information Services (EBIS) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have organised one-day, in-depth workshops, to provide employers with the necessary guidance and techniques for auditing and implementing safety systems for safe working at heights

procedures, within their organisations.

These workshops are designed to coincide with the forthcoming set of major new Regulations on Working at Height, which were designed to implement the EU Temporary Work at Height

Directive.

The first workshop will be held at the Ramada Jarvis, Leeds North, on 9 June 2005, with a second being scheduled at The Harrington Hall Conference Centre, London, on 16 June 2005.

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

18 April 2005 – FBU Research on Violent Attacks

FBU Research on Growing Number of Violent Attacks

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) have released a research report on the growing number of violent attacks being experienced by fire-fighters whilst attending calls and are calling for a national strategy to halt the risks to fire-fighters.

A study was conducted by the Labour Research Department (LRD) and showed that a number of incidents had occurred where stones, bricks, bottles, concrete blocks and even scaffolding poles had been hurled at fire-fighters whilst engaged in their duties.

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

18 April 2005 – HSE - Dangers in Storage

HSE Highlight Dangers in Storage and Moving Heavy Loads Following Fatality

Following the death of a 37 year old worker whilst unloading a bundle of slabs weighing approximately 6 Tonnes and prosecution of (now in liquidation) company, Deco Marble & Granite Limited, Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Principal inspector, Mr. Mike Gibb highlighted the dangers involved in the storage and moving of heavy loads when he said:

“This incident demonstrates the inherent dangers involved in moving and storing large heavy loads such as slabs of stone. Firms receiving deliveries should consider the use of contract lifts...”

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

*Mr. Andy Gilchrist,
General Secretary of
the Fire Brigades
Union:
“The causes appear
complex and we need
more than knee-jerk
reaction headlines
calling for
crackdowns. There
is no quick-fix solution
but we need to start
with a properly
resourced, national
strategy.”*



Featured Web Sites

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

National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting

The industry's independent, non profit-making, voluntary regulatory body covering the whole of the United Kingdom. The NICEIC's sole purpose is to protect consumers from unsafe and unsound electrical work. We are not a trade association and do not represent the interests of electrical contractors.

Visit this site to see a table that shows what types of work require notification of electrical works to be given to a building control body.

The Caretakers' Website

The Caretakers' Website is please to have been given the opportunity to work alongside the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to provide Caretakers/Site Managers information and guidance with regards to many Health and Safety issues. The HSE has agreed to provide us with the latest Health and Safety guidance specific to Caretakers and we will keep you up to date on these pages.

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

Top 10 Downloads

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

Top Ten Pages Visited

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

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for April

Average Daily Visits = 491

Max Daily Visits = 822

Visits in April = 14,264

Bandwidth (April) = 9,364MB

Total Visits (approx) = 125,450

Forum Members = 248

Newsletter Subscribers = 212

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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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