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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 week's Health and Safety Expo and we are looking forward to meeting some of our valued visitors. **Hope to see you there!**

Your Articles

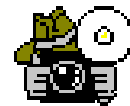
Your Articles page welcomes another excellent article by **Frank Cooper MIOSH RSP - *The Working at Height Regulations 2005***

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

Don't forget the other news articles on our News page that haven't made this issue.



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 – The Working at Height Regulations 2005

The Working at Height Regulations 2005

NEW legislation regarding working at height became law in April 2005, the Working at Height Regulations 2005. Falls from height account for almost 25% of deaths at work each year. In 2003/04 falls from height at work resulted in 67 deaths and nearly 4000 major injuries.

The Work at Height Regulations 2005 apply to all work at height where there is a risk of a fall liable to cause personal injury. They place duties on employers, the self-employed, and any person who controls the work of others (e.g. facilities managers or building owners who may contract others to work at height) to the extent they control the work. The Regulations came into force on the 6th April 2005.

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

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

No new legislation
this week

New Consultations

No new
consultations this
week.



13 May 2005 – Slips and Trips within Food Industry

HSE Information Sheet Available for Slips and Trips within Food Industry

A revised information sheet on the prevention of slips and trips in kitchens and food service industry is available from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), in the form of a pdf file.

The information sheet is mainly for employers, but safety reps and employees will also find it very useful.

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

12 May 2005 – EU Votes on UK Work Time Opt-out

EU Assembly Votes on UK Work Time Opt-out

The EU Assembly, held yesterday (Wednesday), voted on the UK's opt-out work time of 48 hours maximum working week with a decision being made to scrap the opt-out.

The vote was 378 to 262 with 15 abstentions to abolish the proposed 3 year provision allowed by Governments for companies to ignore the limit.

The legislative process is a very complex one and the proposals will now return to the executive European Commission for revision.

Employment Minister Mr. Gerry Sutcliffe - "*We are very disappointed that they have taken this decision...*"

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

12 May 2005 – BMA Smoking Ban – ‘Not Far Enough’

BMA Says Smoking Ban Does Not Go Far Enough

The British Medical Council (BMA) has published a survey concluding that the proposed Governments' partial smoking ban for England and Wales "does not go far enough".

The survey highlighted several areas where the partial smoking ban appeared to be flawed including the following:

- It found there were regional differences in the number of establishments affected with many more non-food pubs which would be exempt from the ban in northern England.

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

11 May 2005 – HSE Revised Guidance on RPE

HSE Publication of New Revised Guidance on RPE Selection and Safe Use

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published a revised updated guidance for the correct and safe use of Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE), entitled *Respiratory Protective Equipment at Work: A Practical Guide*.

The new guidance provides employers, safety reps and manufacturers who either use or supply RPE with advice for its correct use as the law requires.

Some of the features within the new guidance booklet are listed in this news article.

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



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11 May 2005 – Stockline Report Submitted to Crown Office

[Stockline Plastics Explosion Report Submitted to Crown Office](#)

On the first Anniversary of the tragic explosion within the ICL Stockline Plastics Factory in Glasgow, it has been announced that a report was submitted to the Crown Office yesterday, Tuesday 10 May 2005.

The tragedy... taking the lives of 9 workers and injuring 37 of which, 15 were seriously wounded and was the worst industrial disaster in Scotland since the Piper Alpha tragedy.

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

11 May 2005 – HSE Webpage - Management of Stress

[HSE Webpage on Management of Workplace Stress](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have added an extra webpage aimed at providing information and guidance for tackling the management of work-related stress.

The information within the webpage will assist management, their employees and representatives to lessen work-related stress absenteeism within their organisations.

The advice provided within the webpage does not replace the HSE's "Real Solutions, Real People" guidance pack, nor is it law. It is an added guidance as to how to manage stress-related problems for the betterment of both employers and employees.

Further information can be accessed by clicking the following:

[HSE - Stress Management](#)

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

10 May 2005 – International Safety Awards Banquet

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This years' International Safety Awards Banquet will be held on Friday 20 May 2005, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, where hundreds of Safety Award Certificates will be awarded to some of the Worlds' safest companies.

Entertainment, in this the 47th celebration of outstanding health and safety organisations, will have a roaring 20's theme, with guests such as Jeff Hobson and Charlie Chaplin. The guest speaker will be Baroness Gibson of Market Rasen OBE, President of RoSPA.

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

9 May 2005 – HSE Exemptions for Heritage Charter Mark I Rolling Stock

[HSE Exemptions for Heritage Charter Mark I Rolling Stock](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have granted exemptions to 12 Heritage/Charter train companies who have the Mark I Rolling Stock, slam-door trains. A public consultation was taken into account by the HSE prior to their decision.

Exemptions to the Railway Safety Regulations 1999 hold conditions that the 12 exempt companies must put in place risk assessment measures before and during operation of the stock, as far as is reasonably practicable, such as the following:

On-board supervision of passenger behaviour; door safety; Manual arrangement of secondary door locks

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HSfB:

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

9 May 2005 – Legislation for Scots Emergency Workers

Legislation now in Force for Scottish Emergency Workers

Under The Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005, enforceable today Monday 9 May 2005, Scottish emergency workers are now protected from assaults, whilst carrying out their duties.

The new Legislation makes it an offence to assault, obstruct or hinder any persons engaged in providing an emergency service.

Services covered under the new Act include: police, fire, ambulance and paramedic crews; Coastguards and Lifeboat crews; prison officers, mental health officers and social workers when enforcing child protection orders.

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

5 May 05 - The Healthiest in the World?

Forthcoming HSE Seminar - The Healthiest in the World?

A seminar, hosted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), on 23 May 2005, at The Royal Commonwealth Society in London, aims to make the UK the Healthiest Nation in the World to Work.

safety in the workplace, by major players across many sectors, can both locally and nationally be most effective.

Further information on the seminar can be accessed on the HSE Website by clicking the following:

[The Healthiest in the World?](#)

The seminar takes an in-depth look at how approaches to health and

5 May 2005 – HSE Warn of Risks in Dive Training

HSE Warn of Risks in Recreational Dive Training

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) warned of the risks involved in recreational dive training, when correct risk assessments and diving project plans are not adequately controlled or managed.

The HSE warning comes after an investigation into a decompression sickness incident in August 2002, resulting in prosecution on 15 April 2005.

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

4 May 2005 – Agriculture E-Bulletin Now Available

Agriculture E-Bulletin Now Available Within HSE Website

A new feature within the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Website for the agriculture industry has now been provided in the form of a free Agriculture e-bulletin, supplying information and latest news to the agriculture industry.

The e-bulletin, issued periodically, targets farmers, land owners, trade association, unions, agricultural specialists and farm managers.

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

Mr. Tom McCabe,
Minister for Finance and
Public Service Reform:

*“People who deal with
emergencies provide an
invaluable service to our
society.*

*We believe they should
be able to go about their
work without fear of
attack or intimidation
and that is why we
brought forward this
legislation”*

HSE's Diving
Inspector, Judith
Tetlow:

*“The message to the
diving industry is
clear: under the law,
people who organise
recreational dive
training have a duty to
ensure the safety of
those taking part. In
particular, it is vital
that before any dive, a
suitable risk
assessment and
diving project plan are
prepared...”*



Notice Board & Featured Web Sites

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

If you want to use this free Notice Board and Featured Site area, please send an email with a request and you will be placed in the queue for a free advertising spot.

Case Law – (Under Construction)

The cases are divided into three broad sections

Case Law One

Criminal law cases related to the Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974 and associated regulations.

Case Law Two

Civil law cases related to the workplace.

Case Law Three

Cases for NEBOSH, MSc students, most of the cases will be for above certificate level studies, although awareness of them will always be useful.

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amac: design

I am a graphic designer trained to degree level, with over sixteen years experience producing design work. My skills are producing graphic design for websites and designing for print: from concept to digital artwork covering all promotional material including corporate identities, annual reports, flyers, posters, stationery and newsletters.

I am competent working on pc in Photoshop, Fireworks and Dreamweaver, optimising images and building basic html pages using CSS code. I have page layout and photo editing experience working on Apple Mac in QuarkXpress, Photoshop and Illustrator.

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 May 2005 (so far)

Top 10 Downloads

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|---|--|
| 1. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips by Jane Riley | Search – by Jane Riley |
| 2. The Jane Riley Revision Pack | 7. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety - by Terry Robson |
| 3. Working At Height by Ron Bonner | 8. HSWA Main Sections for NEBOSH Certificate - Summary - by HSfB |
| 4. Management Style Questions - Paper 1 | 9. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates |
| 5. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident - by HSfB | 10. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate |
| 6. NEBOSH Revision Word | |

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. Revision Cards by Kevin Forbes
9. News
10. Useful Links

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for May

Average Daily Visits = 443
Max Daily Visits = 680
Visits in May so far= 6,658
Bandwidth (May) = 4,155MB
Total Visits (approx) = 132,140
Forum Members = 258
Newsletter Subscribers = 225

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Our status is a not-for-profit Sole Trader, which is owned, managed and financed by John Johnston AIIRSM.

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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