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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.

The Expo this year gave HSfB a chance to thank a couple of our forum members for their support in person. A very enjoyable and interesting time was had by all.

We hope to meet even more of you at next year's Expo!

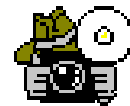
Your Articles

An article entitled – Disability Access to Historic Buildings by John Johnston has been published on the articles page.

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



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



[SafetyPhoto](#)

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

Your Articles – Disability Access to Historical Buildings

Disability Access to Historical Buildings

The Disability Discrimination Act 2005 (DDA) now makes it unlawful for businesses and organisations providing services to treat disabled people less favourably than other people for a reason related to their disability. Service providers, now including private members' clubs with 25 or more members, have to consider making changes to physical features that make it difficult for disabled people to use their services. You can remove the physical feature, alter it, find a way of avoiding it or provide the service another way. This may prove difficult for various historic buildings as they may be listed, however, reasonable adjustments must be assessed.

Although historic buildings are protected in order to retain their original character, imaginative and inventive solutions to provide an acceptable level of access to an historic building can be achieved successfully. Liaison with the planning authorities, environmental authorities and fire authorities from the beginning is essential for a thorough and acceptable solution of easy access for all.

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

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974
(Application to Environmentally Hazardous Substances)
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005

New Consultations

Consultation paper on proposals for Regulations transposing the treatment permitting requirements under Article 6 of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive and providing for exemptions for storage, repair and refurbishment of WEEE



27 May 2005 – New Guide on Fire Safety for Hotels

New Guide Available on Fire Safety for Hotels

A new guide for fire safety in the hotel industry has been published by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) providing help and advice for hotel managers and staff.

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister will publish a detailed guidance later this year, simplifying many existing Acts and Regulations for England and Wales.

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

27 May 2005 – HSE Statistics Publications Available

HSE Statistics Publications Now Available

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have now published their statistics for the following:

- Health and Safety Statistics (General); Fatal and non-fatal injuries; Ill health and disease; H & S in local enforced areas (HELA); Self-reported work-related illness (SWI); Epidemiological research carried out by or commissioned by HSE.

All of the above statistics can be accessed from the HSE webpage by clicking the following: [HSE - STATISTICS: Publications](#)

Click this link to go to our story [here....](#)

25 May 05 –TUC-Attitudes Towards Disabled Workers

TUC to Highlight Employers Attitude in Employing Disabled Workers

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) are holding their annual 2-day disability conference in London, commencing today (Wednesday), where Deputy General Secretary, Frances O'Grady will speak on the problems disabled people have when trying to enter the workforce.

Mr. O'Grady will call upon employers to change their attitudes by making more of an effort into recruiting disabled people into their workforces.

“Although we now have the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), disabled workers are still paid a lesser wage than able-bodied workers and only 46% of disabled workers are in employment compared to 75% able-bodied”.

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

24 May 2005 – Mental Health Charity Report on Stress

Mental Health Charity Report on Stress in the Workplace

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....](#)

24 May 2005 – HSE Webpage for Metalworking Fluids

HSE Webpage Available for Metalworking Fluids

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided a webpage full of information on the use of Metalworking Fluids (MWF's).

The webpage includes advice on such areas as the following:

- The main health risks from working with MWF's; How harm is caused; Key messages for managing the health risks.

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

24 May 2005 – Slips and Trips Case Studies Available

Slips and Trips Case Studies Available Within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have compiled case studies of real life incidents which have occurred in workplaces throughout many industries, in a bid to reduce the risks of slips and trips in the workplace.

The case studies include such areas as the following:

- Contamination and spillages; Housekeeping and cleaning regimes; Effective matting systems; Choice of suitable footwear; Design of workplace and work activities; Human cost.

This webpage is well worth viewing, as it covers a large range of industries and provides information on how to eliminate risks for slips and trips.

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

23 May 2005 – New Research Reports Within HSE

New Research Reports Within HSE Website

Two more new research reports are now available within the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Website as follows:

- [RR347 - Review of the role of response forecasting in decision making for weather-sensitive offshore operations](#)
- [RR352 - Supply chain issues for offshore accidents in the Southern North Sea](#)

Further information and full reports can be accessed by clicking the relevant link

23 May 2005 – HSE Newsletters Available on Radiation and Slips and Trips

HSE Newsletters Available on Radiation and Slips and Trips

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided areas within their website for news of Radiation Protecting and a Slips and Trips Workplace Newsletter as follows:

- [Radiation Protection News](#)
- [Slips and Trips Workplace Newsletter \(pdf file\)](#)

Further information and full reports can be accessed by clicking the relevant link

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HSfB:

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

UK Minister for Local Environmental Quality, Ben Bradshaw: "I want to see industry and the public sector working closely together to produce a range of facilities that serve the current and future needs of the local communities they serve"

Mr. Vic Coleman, HSE's Head of Planning, Efficiency and Finance: "HSC wishes to champion and promote its position, i.e. the middle ground, making the case for sensible risk control measures that are sensibly applied"



[HCMB Access Consultancy](#)

18 May 2005 – Cutting Edge Waste Management

[Government Working Towards Cutting Edge Waste Management](#)

The new UK Minister for Local Environmental Quality, Ben Bradshaw, has visited 3 key waste management sites in South London in a bid to produce a cutting edge waste management system within the UK.

His visit was to see what was required for both the public sector and the waste industry to be able to work together, in order to meet the high targets set for reduction of waste within the UK.

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

18 May 05 - HSE -Sensible Risk Manag't, Key to Safety

[HSE Debate on Sensible Risk Management as Key to Safety](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) highlighted the need for sensible risk management as being the key to health and safety compliance at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Safety and Health at Work congress, at the NEC Birmingham Hilton Metropole.

Far from being a perceived burden within the workplace, sensible risk management of health and safety in the workplace not only complies with legislation, but has many benefits to companies such as the following:

- Lessening of insurance costs.
- Healthier workforce - Less absenteeism
- Higher output - better profits

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

16 May 2005 – New Alcohol Limits for Pro' Seafarers

[New Alcohol Limits for Professional Seafarers](#)

The Government has introduced new alcohol limits for professional seafarers, which mirror those applied to motorists.

The new limits have been introduced to curb what the Government describes as a "crackdown on drunken sailors" and will apply to UK registered vessels throughout the globe, plus any foreign ships within UK waters.

Consultations took place over a 4 year period, with substantial input from the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport (NUMAST).

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

13 May 2005 – New HSE Web - Moving Goods Safely

[New HSE Website Area for Moving Goods Safely](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided a new website area for the moving of goods safely, which is at the moment a London wide initiative for 2005/06, with the aim of a national initiative in 2006/07.

The initiative involves the HSE and Local Authorities (LA's) working together as part of the HSE's programme for the reduction of ill-health and injuries within many industries.

Further information can be found by clicking the following: [Moving Goods safely](#)

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.

[First Aid Café.co.uk](http://FirstAidCafe.co.uk)

After spending many an hour searching the web for First Aid information, I soon realised that the UK was definitely lacking a venue where people involved in first aid could come and air their views, ask questions and be a part of a UK community.

The First Aid Cafe members cover a wide range of occupations. Approximately 60% are trainers with the remainder covering First Aiders, Appointed Persons, Occupational Health staff, and other interested parties.

The FirstAidCafe.co.uk is UK's No. 1 independent first aid community specifically aimed at first aiders and first aid trainers.

www.startups.co.uk

The AOP award winning business website for people who want to startup in business. Last year over 600,000 people used Startups to get a foot on the ladder to business success. There are over 3000 articles on setting up in business on this site, and regularly updated news we hope you find this site useful.

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

Top Ten Pages Visited

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

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for May

Average Daily Visits = 489
Max Daily Visits = 683
Visits in May so far= 14,182
Bandwidth (May) = 9,365MB
Total Visits (approx) = 139,733
Forum Members = 281
Newsletter Subscribers = 241

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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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