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# HSfB Newsletter

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## New Site Downloads

No new site downloads this week.

If you would like to advertise with us and see our available packages, send a request to the following email address:

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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 week has been a very stressful week for many of you sitting exams, now it is time to relax and wait for results which will come soon enough.

HSfB hopes that you all achieve the mark which you hope for and deserve.

### Your Articles

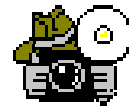
This week's articles slot has been passed over to a worthy cause.

Petra Boynton (University College London) is currently carrying out research with the Times Higher about experiences of bullying in academia.

If you could take a few minutes to complete the online questionnaire which is aimed at those working in higher education – including support, research and teaching staff, postgraduates, and heads of department, it would be very much appreciated. **Thank you!**



**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!***

### *Times Higher Survey: Experiences of Bullying in Academia*

#### Times Higher Survey: Experiences of Bullying in Academia Survey

Petra Boynton (University College London) is asking you to support the research she's currently carrying out with the Times Higher about experiences of bullying in academia.

This study is open to any academic or academic-related staff member working in a university within the UK or Northern Ireland. This includes staff working in administrative and secretarial roles, porters, lab staff etc. They may have been bullied or perhaps feel those who claim they've been bullied just can't handle academic life.

Alternatively they may have views about bullying but no personal experience. The survey contains both open and closed ended questions and results will be used to improve staff wellbeing and increase good practice within academia.

To participate, please visit <http://www.thes.co.uk/bullying>. Petra's using a snowball method so please pass this link on to anyone else you know who might be interested. If you have further questions feel free to contact Petra at [p.boynton@pcps.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.boynton@pcps.ucl.ac.uk)

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

No new legislation  
this week.

New Consultations

No new  
consultations this  
week.



## 11 June 2005 – New Fire Safety Order Completed

### New Fire Safety Order Completed

The largest single reform of fire safety legislation in over 30 years - The Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order - has now been agreed by Parliament and only applies to England and Wales.

The new law which will come into force in April 2006 simplifies and consolidates over 70 pieces of fire safety legislation and repeals the Fire Precautions Act 1971.

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

## 11 June 2005 – THINK! Summer Drink Drive Campaign

### THINK! Summer Drink Drive Campaign Launched

This year's summer phase of advertising the THINK! campaign against drink driving is under way from the Department for Transport (DfT). The campaign is set to remind people that it might take less than you think to become a drink driver. The campaign will also highlight that drink driving is a year round problem and there are just as many drink drive casualties in the summer months as there are over the Christmas period.

In 2003, 560 people were killed in drink driving crashes, 2,600 were seriously injured and 16,000 were slightly injured.

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

## 9 June 05 – New Guidance - Electrical Safety, Quarries

### New HSE Guidance - Electrical Safety in Quarries

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published new electricity safety guidance on its website for those involved in managing quarry sites.

The new web site area, Electrical Safety in Quarries explains the dangers associated with electricity in quarries and also gives guidance on:

- equipment suitability; installation; cable management; isolating equipment; inspections and test and examination frequency

The new guidance replaces the Approved Code of Practice (COP 35), The use of electricity in quarries which has been withdrawn with immediate effect.

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

## 8 June 2005 – ACAS Leaflet on Managing Older

### ACAS Leaflet on Managing Older Workers

ACAS has recently launched an advisory leaflet Employing Older Workers to help employers make the most of older workers. It gives practical advice on what an employer should consider when recruiting; planning for the future and managing older workers.

The leaflet is available free from Acas Publications by telephoning 08702 42 90 90

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[HCMB Access Consultancy](#)

## 8 June 2005 – HSE Launches Campaign - 'Better Backs'

### [HSE Launches Campaign - 'Better Backs'](#)

A new Health and Safety Executive (HSE) campaign - 'Better Backs' has been launched which aims to reduce the costs to the UK from work-related conditions. It has been estimated that 4.9 million days are lost to employee absenteeism through work-related back conditions each year, with each affected employee taking an average of 19 days off work, according to the latest figures from the 2003/4 Labour Force Survey.

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

## 3 June 2005 – HSE Warn of Biodiesel Home Production

### [HSE Warn of Biodiesel Home Production Danger](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are warning of the danger to health and safety when the new synthetic fuel, called Biodiesel, is produced in domestic situations.

The vegetable oil fuel can be purchased from some petrol stations, but the concern of the HSE is one of the "homebrew" process and the potential hazards involved.

These "homebrew" processes involves the use of hazardous chemicals, which should only be processed under controlled conditions by professional, qualified people.

A very informative webpage on the dangers and risks in the processing of biodiesel, plus advice and information has been provided by the HSE and can be accessed by clicking the link below.

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

## 3 June 2005 – HSE Free Leaflets on COSHH

### [HSE Webpage Providing Free Leaflets on COSHH](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided an in-depth range of free leaflets full of advice and guidance on the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH).

Within the webpage can be found a range of COSHH information as well as the leaflets such as the following:

- Videos on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); HSC's advisory committee on Toxic Substances; HSE on COSHH; CBA1 Forms and Workplace Exposure Limits

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

## 3 June 2005 – HSE's New FoI Website

### [HSE's New Freedom of Information Website](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have made available a new website area complying with the new Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, which came into force earlier this week.

The public will be able to access information on the HSE and the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) as it becomes available and can request information which has not yet been published.

Both the HSE and HSC are keen to provide a culture of accountability and openness and welcome any enquiries.

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### [Offers](#)

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ergonomic practitioners is the only company in the UK offering occupational health and safety risk assessors, training in 'how to undertake personal risk assessments for disabled workers'. Delegates learn how to avoid H&S/DDA conflicts and how to make reasonable adjustments for workers with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities. Tel: 01747 871868 email [da@enricosmog.com](mailto:da@enricosmog.com)



HSfB:

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

## 3 June 2005 – HSE April Report SPADs

### [HSE April Report Published for Signals Passed at Danger \(SPAD\)](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) report for April 2005. This report is their sixty-eighth monthly report of SPAD's on the mainline railway network.

This months figures show a decrease of 7 in the average figure for this month over the past 6 years.

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

## 31 May 05 - Ionising Radiation Exposure Review 2005

### [Ionising Radiation Exposure Review 2005](#)

The seventh report on the Ionising Radiation Exposure to the population of the UK has been published by the Radiation Protection Division (formerly NRPB) at Chilton.

The main findings of the report include:

Average annual dose of

ionising radiation exposure is now 2.7 millisieverts (mSv) compared to the previous figure, published in 1999, of 2.6 mSv, which is mainly due to exposures from new medical diagnostic techniques.

84% of radiation exposure is natural radiation, of which more than 50% exposure is caused by radon accumulation within buildings.

Because of varying types of buildings, the dosage of variations are different throughout the country.

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

## 31 May 2005 – Virgin Trains Take Speedy Action

### [Virgin Trains Take Speedy Action on Unusual Hazard](#)

Virgin Train engineers took speedy action when an overnight routine maintenance problem resulted in services being halted until all 78 Voyager trains in the fleet had been altered.

Whilst doing the routine maintenance, a very unusual hazard caused a "small detonation". The hazard was two-fold, whereby acetylene gas from the transmission unit leaked into an electrical closet. Unfortunately, at the same time, a wiring flaw created a spark, followed by an inevitable small explosion.

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

## 30 May 2005 – Stockline Plastics Explosion Update

### [Stockline Plastics Explosion Update](#)

The owners of the Stockline Plastics factory in Glasgow are expected not to be faced with criminal charges.

An explosion at the factory just over one year ago, took the lives of 9 workers, with hundreds of others being injured.

The Crown report on the incident is due to be released next month, conclusions of which are expected to be of the nature that no individual was to blame.

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

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*Sir William Stewart,  
Chairman of the Health  
Protection Agency  
(HPA): "We welcome  
this report. It is a  
thorough investigation  
into the radiation doses  
we all receive from  
ionising radiation. For  
most of us, about 99%  
of our dose comes from  
natural and medical  
sources. People need to  
know these facts"*

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*Ann McKechin, Local  
Labour MP:  
"It should address  
every single aspect of  
this tragedy, both in  
the period several  
years before it, the  
culture within the  
factory and the HSE  
policies"*

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## 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.

### Child Accident Prevention Trust

Child Accident Prevention Trust is a national charity in the United Kingdom committed to reducing the number of children and young people killed, disabled and seriously injured as a result of accidents.

### **The dates for Child Safety Week 2005 are**

**Monday 20 June - Sunday 26 June 2005**

**For Child Safety Week 2005 our theme will be:**

**“Not every accident is a lucky escape”**

### [www.thes.co.uk/bullying](http://www.thes.co.uk/bullying)

Petra Boynton (University College London) is asking you to support the research she's currently carrying out with the Times Higher about experiences of bullying in academia.

The aim of this survey is to identify people's different views and experiences of bullying within academic institutions. Whether you have strong opinions about bullying, feel it's an overrated topic, have been bullied yourself, witnessed bullying of colleagues, or perhaps been accused of bullying, we'd like to hear from you.

### [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 June 2005 (so far)

### Top 10 Downloads

1. Coldrop's Practical Example
2. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips by Jane Riley
3. NEBOSH Revision Word Search – by Jane Riley
4. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
5. Quick Revision Sheet H & S Law - Jane Riley
6. Quick Revision Sheet H & S Management - Jane Riley

7. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
8. H & S Management Quiz – Jane Riley
9. Definitions Exercise – Jane Riley
10. Quick Facts – H & S Management – Jane Riley

### Top Ten Pages Visited

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

### Top 5 Browsers

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

### Stats for June

**Average Daily Visits = 519**

**Max Daily Visits = 674**

**Visits in June so far = 5,714**

**Bandwidth (June) = 4,431MB**

**Total Visits (approx) = 145,447**

**Forum Members = 293**

**Newsletter Subscribers = 246**

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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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