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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

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

Most of you will be finished your NEBOSH Cert exams, so all that's left to do is relax and use the time to do all those things you have been putting off because of studies.

Enjoy your summer!

Your Articles

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

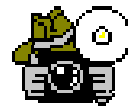
The Disability Rights Commission (DRC) has launched a major national debate on the future of disabled people's equality in Britain.

You can read more below by clicking the links at the foot of the article.

Many thanks go to the DRC for this article.



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!

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The Disability Rights Commission (DRC) has launched a major national debate on the future of disabled people's equality in Britain with its discussion paper, 'Shaping the Future of Equality'.

The debate asks how we can ensure that by the year 2020, Britain can be a place where all disabled people are equal citizens – living active lives that are fulfilling and rewarding for themselves and valued by others.

People can read the papers and take part in the debate on-line at www.disabilitydebate.org, listen to a summary of the paper and leave comments on a local rate phone line 0845 333 0303, or order a copy of the paper from the DRC Helpline on

Tel: 08457 622 633

Textphone: 08457 622 644

Quoting reference number: DRC35

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

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

No new legislation
this week.

New Consultations

Consultation on
Electricity Safety,
Quality and
Continuity
(Amendment)
Regulations 2005.

Consultation on
Compulsory Seat
Belt/Child Restraint
Wearing in Cars and
Goods Vehicles.

Consultation on
Smoking Ban -
Choosing Health:
making healthier
choices easier



[HCMB Access
Consultancy](#)

25 June 2005 – Environmental Body HQ in Sheffield

New Environmental Body to Have HQ in Sheffield

A new non-departmental public body incorporating English Nature and parts of the Countryside Agency and the Rural Development Service - Natural England, will have its headquarters in Sheffield.

The current headquarters of English Nature are in Peterborough, while the Countryside Agency's headquarters are in Cheltenham.

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

23 June 2005 – Defra Summer Smog Warning

Defra Summer Smog Warning

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has issued a warning that from today 23rd to 25th June (Saturday), a summer smog is likely to persist in London, the south-east, East Anglia and central England.

Some people are more sensitive to air pollution than others, particularly those with heart and lung disease, who may notice an effect on their breathing. Summer smog is produced by sun acting on substances in the lower atmosphere such as car fumes and solvents, producing ground level ozone and can also contain elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide and breathable dust (particulates).

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

23 June 2005 – Britain - Environmental Leader

Britain Being Transformed into an Environmental Leader

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has recently published their annual report to Parliament. The report gives an overview of Defra's activities during 2004-05 and looks forward to meeting targets set by the department.

Secretary of State Margaret Beckett says in the report:

"The strategy further clarifies the Department's purpose and priorities and sets out concrete measures to accelerate Britain's transformation from environmental laggard to environmental leader: globally, nationally and, most importantly, locally."

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

21 June 2005 – Euroweek 2005 - Stop That Noise

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The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has created a new web site area for this year's European Week of Safety and Health at Work, which will focus on noise in the workplace.

The campaign will be run from 24th – 28th October by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

You can get further information on noise at work, what is happening for this year's campaign, and how you can get involved by clicking the following link:

[HSE - Campaigns: European Week 2005](#)

20 June 2005 – New HSE Research Reports

New HSE Research Reports

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recently published five new research reports. You can access the reports by clicking the following links:

- [RR359 - Level crossing: Summary of finding and key human factors issues](#)
- [RR358 - HSE survey of first aid training organisations](#)
- [RR356 - New perspectives on falls from height – Identifying high profile areas for intervention](#)
- [RR355 - Evaluation of HSE's farm self assessment software](#)
- [RR345 - Investigation of a measurement technique to determine the apparent source for light emitting diodes](#)

20 June 2005 – Consultation on Smoking Ban

Consultation on Smoking Ban

Detailed proposals on how legislation on smoke-free enclosed public places and workplaces would work in practice have been launched today. The Choosing Health white paper is designed to hear views on the detail of a smoking ban, which will lead to a Bill being introduced in the autumn.

Some of the issues up for discussion include:

- timetable for implementation; proposed enforcement measures and how to define an 'enclosed' public space

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

18 June 2005 – Noise and Vibration Road Shows Dates

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The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, will be running a series of noise and vibration roadshows across Great Britain in September and October 2005.

New legislation on the control of risks in the workplace from vibration will come into force in Great Britain from July 2005 and noise regulations will be updated in early 2006.

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

16 June 2005 – Free Advertising for Waste Companies

Free Advertising for Waste Management Companies

A directory set up by the Environment Agency on behalf of the Agricultural Waste Stakeholders' Forum, is now offering all waste management companies in the UK the chance of free advertising on a new online recycling directory. The directory was originally developed to help farmers identify sites that could take their wastes.

The Environment Agency is encouraging waste management companies to register their services for free on the new directory which will be launched later this summer. The new service will make it easier for waste producers to quickly find their nearest option for recycling, treating or disposing of their waste.

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

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'.
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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



HSfB:

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



16 June 2005 – HSE Leaflet - Incident Reporting in Schools

Revised HSE Leaflet on Incident Reporting in Schools

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have recently published a revised version of its free leaflet - EDIS1(rev1): Incident-reporting in Schools (Accidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences).

The leaflet explains what they need to report and how to do it under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR), which require employers and others to report accidents and some diseases that arise out of or in connection with work.

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

14 June 2005 - Date for COMAH Amendments

Date for COMAH Amendments

The Control of Major Accident Hazards (Amendment) Regulations 2005 (COMAH) come into force on 30th June 2005. The amendments aim to broaden the scope of COMAH taking into account research on carcinogens and substances dangerous for

the environment, and certain amendments to the Seveso II Directive (96/82/EC).

The key revisions regard changes to the lists of named dangerous substances or generic categories of substances that are used to determine whether the regulations apply and to what extent. These changes involve:

A redefinition of ammonium nitrate

A new named category for potassium nitrate fertilisers

The specification of seven new carcinogens, and raised threshold limits for all carcinogens

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

14 June 2005 – Construction SHAD Takes Place in Cardiff

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A free Construction Safety and Health Awareness Day (SHAD) is taking place in Cardiff at Glamorgan Cricket Club, Sophia Gardens, on 12th July. The special Working Well Together event will provide smaller construction companies an opportunity to find out about the latest developments in improving health and safety.

The event is targeting small contractors employing fewer than 15 people, sole traders and the self-employed.

The event is the result of a partnership between the Federation of Master Builders, local authorities, and large construction companies working in the region.

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

13 June 2005 – HSE Leaflets - New and Revised

HSE Leaflets - New and Revised

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published a new leaflet - ***Ergonomic considerations for designing and selecting conveyor belt systems***. The leaflet contains information on how to design workstations and assess conveyor belt workstations, for both seated and standing operators.

Two HSE leaflets have recently been revised also.

[Click this link to download the leaflets more....](#)

Head of HSE's Major Hazards Policy Group:

"The amendments ensure that COMAH continues to provide a high level of protection by placing appropriate controls on substances with the potential to cause significant damage to human health and the environment."

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.

Association of First Aiders

The Association of First Aiders – AoFA is an association formed out of the membership of the [First Aid Cafe](#) website, UK's largest independent community of over 5,500 first aiders and first aid trainers. The AoFA complements the FirstAidCafe by being able to represent its' members. Members must however, join the AoFA separately as the First Aid Café does not hold any representative authority.

The three main aims of the Association are:

To keep first aiders and trainers updated on first aid issues

To represent members in discussions with the HSE

Promote a high standard of first aid to a wide audience

Theatre Health and Safety

This service has been set up to help Theatre and Entertainment professionals with ever increasing Health and Safety demands. A good health and safety culture within a company not only reduces accident and incident levels but increases staff moral and reduces the risk of civil claims and prosecution.

We offer a full range of Health and Safety training courses aimed at theatre professionals, which will help them to understand the risk assessment process and to encourage them to maintain a safe workplace. For College students these courses will give a good grounding in what to expect in the professional Theatre world.

<http://www.theatrehealthandsafety.co.uk/>

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

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| 1. Coldrop's Practical Example | 7. Toolbox Talks Programme – by Otto |
| 2. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate | 8. Management Style Paper 1 – Questions |
| 3. Working At Height - by Ron Bonner | 9. NEBOSH Revision Word Search – by Jane Riley |
| 4. NEBOSH Exam Hints & Tips by Jane Riley | 10. Fork-Lift Trucks - by HSfB |
| 5. The Jane Riley Revision Pack | |
| 6. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident - by HSfB | |

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. Downloads - Miscellaneous
10. Practical Exam Revision

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for June

Average Daily Visits = 495

Max Daily Visits = 674

Visits in June so far= 12,395

Bandwidth (June) = 9,351MB

Total Visits (approx) = 157,842

Forum Members = 308

Newsletter Subscribers = 259

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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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