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## New Site Downloads

No new downloads this issue.

New practice questions and answers coming soon...

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## *Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB*

### Introduction

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

#### United Britain

It is with deep sadness that we publish this statement of the horrendous events within London on Thursday.

HSfB, our members and guests would like to offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those victims.

We pray for the speedy recovery of all who were or are still injured.

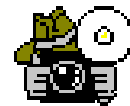
We commend all the emergency services for their professionalism and quick response.

Not forgetting the many passers-by who also stopped to help wherever they could.

*We are a United Britain, who has The World standing by our side.*



**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!*

### *MHRA Forthcoming Seminars for new Blood Bank Legislation*

#### MHRA Forthcoming Seminars for new Blood Bank Legislation

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) are hosting seminars throughout the UK, reviewing the forthcoming implementation of The Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005. The Regulations become effective on 8 November 2005.

As this blood, safety and quality regulation will impact all private and public hospitals that have blood banks; the MHRA will address the following key issues, in order to provide understanding and requirements of the regulations, prior to the implementation, such as the following:

- Understanding the Regulatory requirements of the Legislation.
- MHRA's role as a competent authority.
- Requirement for a Manufacturing authorisation.
- Understanding the new haemovigilance system.
- What to expect from MHRA inspections.

Please click this link for information on venues and dates: [MHRA Seminars](#)

**Regulation Corner****New Legislation**

**The General Product  
Safety Regulations  
2005**

**The Control of Noise  
at Work Regulations  
2005**

**Disability  
Discrimination Act  
2005  
(Commencement No.  
1) Order 2005**

**The Offshore  
Installations (Safety  
Zones) Order 2005**

**The List of Wastes  
(England)  
(Amendment)  
Regulations 2005**

**New Consultations**

No new  
consultations this  
week.



**HCMB Access  
Consultancy**

**9 July 2005 – Inspiration for Needs of Disabled****Inspiration and Education for Transport Needs of Disabled**

The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC), set up as a Government Statutory Advisor for the transport needs of disabled people, under the Transport Act 1985, have launched an innovative "Designing Everyone In" pack for State Primary School design and technology teachers in England.

As part of a workshop within the Inspire and Educate conference held by the Design and Technology Association in Sheffield Hallam University, the "Designing Everyone In" pack has been issued to every State school in England and pilot schemes completed by teachers and their pupils.

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

**8 July 2005 – New Research Reports from the HSE****New Research Reports Within the HSE Website**

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

- [RR349 - Accident statistics for Fixed Offshore Units on the UK Continental Shelf 1980 - 2003](#)
- [RR353 - Accident statistics for Floating Offshore Units on the UK Continental Shelf 1980-2003](#)

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

**7 July 2005 – Latest Fire Statistics Published****Latest Statistics on Fires, Casualties and False Alarms Published**

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has published its latest quarterly national statistics covering the period up to 31 December 2004 on fires, casualties and false alarms attended by the Fire and Rescue Services.

Click this link for the full story and to view the statistics [more....](#)

**6 July 2005 – Results of HMIP Inspections****Results of Three HMIP Unannounced Inspections**

The results of three unannounced inspection visits by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons for England and Wales (HMIP) have today been published.

The three short-term holding centres visited were, Harwich International Airport, Manchester Airport and Port of Dover. All of these residential centres hold detainees for up to one week and are based at ports and airports.

Concerns had previously been made in 2002 in areas such as the following:

- Monitoring and controlling movement procedures, with a requirement for health and safety risk assessments deemed to be necessary.
- Relationships between staff and detainees.
- Supervision required attention.
- Lacking in opportunities for education and recreation.

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

## 4 July 2005 – Changes to Landfill Regulations for England and Wales

### Changes to Landfill Regulations for England and Wales

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have announced the outcome of their consultation on the new Landfill Regulations within England and Wales due to come into force on 16 July 2005.

The consultation particularly asked for the technical views and testing methods required by European Union Member States, in order to determine precise wastes which are able to be land-filled. A criterion was consulted upon, which applied to hazardous and inert wastes, with only those passing the tests being able to be land-filled according to the Regulations.

The final details and dates for implementation of the Land-fill Directive were confirmed by Mr. Ben Bradshaw, Minister for Local Environmental Quality and DEFRA, further information can be found by clicking the link below.

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

## 2 July 2005 – Composting Exemptions in Waste Reg's not to be Amended

### Composting Exemptions in Waste Reg's Not to be Amended

In March 2005, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) announced that six exemptions from waste management licences would be amended, including:

- Composting; sewage treatment; sewage storage; reclamation; dunnage; spreading industrial waste on land

However, changes to the composting exemption in the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 2005 will not be in force from 1 July 2005.

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

## 30 June 2005 – MD Jailed for Gross Negligence

### MD Jailed for Gross Negligence Resulting in Manslaughter

The Managing Director of a building company has been given a 16 month prison sentence for the manslaughter of a 27 year old worker due to his gross negligence over failing to ensure the safety of his employees.

The fatality occurred in 2003, when a team of workers were removing and replacing a warehouse roof. A plastic roof light adjoining the warehouse was stepped on by the victim, sending him plunging almost seven metres to his death.

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

## 29 June 2005 – Designers Taking Responsibility

### Designers Taking Responsibility under CDM Regulations

Further to many in-depth designer audits by Health and Safety Executive (HSE) specialist inspectors, conducted over a 3 year period, it now seems that designers are taking more responsibility as placed upon them by CDM Regulations with regards to risks associated in working at height, both in the construction and future maintenance of buildings.

The audits, which took place in the North of England and Scotland, showed an all too familiar pattern, such as a lack of knowledge within design staff of which risks they were required to address and a lack of knowledge about their CDM duties, combined with a lack of understanding about how to discharge them.

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

### Offers

**Blood Safety and Quality Regulations event.**

**The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is hosting several seminars about The Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005 legislation in late September/early October 2005 across the UK.**

**Download the MHRA PDF document for further information on dates, venues and a registration form:**  
[Blood Safety PDF](#)

HSfB:

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

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*Ben Bradshaw, Minister for Local Environment Quality: "It is essential that businesses act now. With many businesses finding themselves hazardous waste producers for the first time, the full implications of the new controls may not yet be fully appreciated."*

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*HSE: "In 2003/04, over 33% of all the accidents reported by the UK Printing and Publishing Industries were manual handling related (393 accidents)."*

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## 28 June 2005 – Changes to Hazardous Waste Rules

### Changes to Hazardous Waste Rules - Are You Prepared?

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the waste industry have joined forces to urge businesses to know the facts on new hazardous waste regulations before the changes come into effect this July.

Regulations have been brought in to improve the tracking and safe management of hazardous waste in England, from the producer to the disposal or treatment facility. These new controls will include a requirement for most producers of hazardous waste to notify their premises to the Environment Agency.

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

## 28 June 2005 - New HSE Leaflets on Vibration

### New HSE Leaflets on Hand-Arm and Whole-Body Vibration

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published four new leaflets dealing with hand-arm and whole body vibration.

You can download the leaflets in pdf format by clicking the following links:

- [INDG175 Control the risks from hand-arm vibration](#)
- [INDG242 Control back pain risks from whole-body vibration](#)
- [INDG296 Hand-arm vibration - advice for employees](#)
- [INDG404 Drive away bad backs - advice for mobile machine operators and drivers](#)

## 28 June 2005 – HSE Videos on Manual Handling in Printing

### New HSE Videos on Manual Handling in the Printing Industry

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has now produced new videos illustrating some of the common tasks which may give rise to musculoskeletal injuries in the printing industry. The videos also provide examples of possible solutions for controlling the risks by using various mechanical lifting aids.

Click this link to access the videos [more....](#)

## 27 June 2005 – New HSE Safe Site Interactive Tool

### New HSE Safe Site Interactive Tool

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has created a free interactive tool to help site managers think about health and safety issues on their sites.

The tool uses fictional case studies to describe various 'unsafe sites', followed by the 'safe site' versions showing improvements which can make the sites safer.

The case studies aim to help you think about the safety of your workplace, the sites you visit in your work, Stimulate discussion about your site such as; how safe is it, could it be improved etc, and encourage you to find out more by reading about possible solutions.

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

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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.**

### [www.whatrisk.com](http://www.whatrisk.com)

#### Why WhatRisk and what's it all about?

WhatRisk.com is an exciting venture that hopes to offer you the one-stop solution for your risk management needs.

Together with our content partners we aim to provide the most structured, up-to-date and easy-to-use information portal for Environmental Risk Management market. Current content partners include:

**GEE Publishing**

**Alexander Forbes**

**...and more will follow!**

### [Alpha Trojan Training](http://www.trojantraininguk.com)

#### High Standards of Training

1st Alpha Trojan Training aims to provide a level of training that exceeds customers' expectations so they will have no hesitation in recommending us to others.

We are an accredited organisation offering a wide range of forklift training on-site, where the forklift and surroundings are familiar to the trainee.

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### [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

### [Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
2. Working At Height - by Ron Bonner
3. Fork-Lift Trucks - by HSfB
4. General Health and Safety Law Basic - by Steve Horrocks
5. Safety Induction - by Malcolm Strong
6. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident - HSfB
7. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
8. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates
9. Coldrop's Practical Example
10. General Definitions - by HSfB

### [Top Ten Pages Visited](#)

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

### [Top 5 Browsers](#)

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

### [Stats for June](#)

**Average Daily Visits = 506**

**Max Daily Visits = 674**

**Visits in June = 15,181**

**Bandwidth (June) = 11,577 MB**

**Total Visits (approx) = 173,023**

**Forum Members = 318**

**Newsletter Subscribers = 267**

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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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