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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

Please accept my apologies for this issue being late, there seems never to be enough time in a day these days!

As we all know, the media is full to the brim of terrorists and disasters at the moment, little do you need reminding. However, this issue will be

publishing further information relating to the atrocities that are being forced upon us of late.

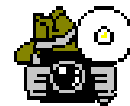
ICE – In Case of Emergencies is a fantastic idea and one which is **NOT** a hoax as some were led to believe. Read more in this weeks featured article below.

Our featured site section will be calling on you to help in any way you can in order to stop this barbaric destruction. Please take a moment to read the highlighted web sites.

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.



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

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Email hoaxers are sabotaging a campaign to encourage people to store contact details in their mobile phones.

The ICE (In Case of Emergency) scheme gained widespread coverage in the wake of the London bombings as word spread by email throughout the world.

People can add into the mobile's address book ICE and the name and number of the person they would like contacted in an emergency.

But a subsequent email circulated by malicious hoaxers suggests that ICE is a type of mobile phone virus which accesses your address book and drains pay-as-you-go phones of its credits.

Matt Ware, spokesman for the East Anglian Ambulance Service, asked people to ignore the hoax email.

Further information including a statement by **Matt Ware** and contact details can be found by clicking the following link: www.icecontact.com

Regulation CornerNew Legislation

No new legislation
since last issue.

New Consultations

Proposals for
amending Part B
(Fire safety) of the
Building Regulations

Consultation on
contaminated land:
extension of Part 2A
of the Environmental
Protection Act 1990
to include
radioactivity

Consultation on
amendments to the
Civil Aviation
(Working Time)
Regulations 2004



[HCMB Access
Consultancy](#)

23 July 2005 – Be Sea Smart Wear Your Kill Cord

Warning from MCA and RYA be Sea Smart and Wear Your Kill Cord

A warning has been issued by The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) urging holiday seafarers to wear their "kill cords" before putting to sea.

The warning comes following an incident in Seaford, East Sussex, where the skipper of a speedboat fell overboard, causing his vessel to career onto a crowded beach, endangering the lives of many.

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

21 July 2005 – New Disability Laws against Discrimination

New Disability Laws Protecting Against Discrimination

The new Disability Discrimination Act 2005 implementation timetable was laid before Parliament today and will become enforceable in December this year, providing protection for the disabled who are all too often discriminated against in the workplace.

The new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 2005 will extend the DDA 1995 and will include the following:

- Landlords; private clubs; transport and qualification bodies; government departments.

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

21 July 2005 – Welcome News for New Deal

Welcome News for NDDP as Service Receives Extension

A welcome announcement yesterday (Wednesday), from Margaret Hodge, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform, stated that an extension of one year had been granted to the New Deal for Disabled People (NDDP). This means the NDDP can now continue with the service they have been providing for the disabled and people with health difficulties for a further year.

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

19 July 2005 – Building Regulations for Fire Safety

Consultation on Building Regulations for Fire Safety

A consultation has been launched by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), proposing a revision of all fire safety aspects of the Building Regulations (part B) and supporting guidance in Approved Document B for England and Wales.

The proposed revisions stem from fire safety experiences within the following areas:

- Fires; Developments in Construction; Research Findings; Engagements with Comprehensive Stakeholders.

Areas the proposals would cover include the following:

- Door-closing devices; Loft conversion guidance changes; Designing-in of fire safety; Potential use of sprinklers.

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

19 July 2005 – HSE Annual Railway Safety Report Shows Progress

HSE Annual Railway Safety Report Shows Steady and Positive Progress

An announcement by Dr. Allan Sefton, The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE), Director of Rail Safety, on the Annual Railway Safety Report, was one of praise, of which he commented as follows:

"Overall the picture remains one of steady and positive progress, particularly on the mainline.

"The decision by Network Rail to bring maintenance 'in-house' is without a doubt an opportunity to improve track risk management and we are already seeing some positive results of this change in policy. A fresh approach and focus on the management of risk and real changes to the culture of risk management in the boardrooms of Network Rail and train operating companies should be recognised and encouraged."

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

19 July 2005 – Brent Bravo Decision Not to Hold Fatal Inquiry Overturned

Brent Bravo Decision Not to Hold Fatal Inquiry Overturned

The decision, by the Crown Counsel, not to hold a fatal inquiry into the deaths of two oil rig workers at the Shell Brent Bravo platform, namely Mr. Keith Moncrieff and Mr. Sean McCue, has been overturned by Scotland's Lord Advocate Mr. Colin Boyd and welcomed by both families of the deceased.

On September 11 2003, Mr. McCue and Mr. Moncrieff had been carrying out their duties within a utility leg of the platform, checking a temporary repair patch on a safety-critical pipeline within, when gas escaped and overcame the two men.

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

19 July 2005 – Disciplinary Action against Rep' in Fire Service

Disciplinary Action against Health and Safety Representative in Fire Service

Disciplinary action is being taken by the management of Cheshire Fire Service against a health and safety representative who attended a training day safety exercise and raised concerns over risk assessment forms and operating procedures.

The one day training safety exercise was to familiarise fire-fighters with new anti-terrorist decontamination equipment.

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

18 July 2005 – Loophole for Sale of Magic Mushrooms

Loophole Allowing the Sale of Magic Mushrooms Closed

It will now be an offence to sell, possess or supply magic mushrooms in all forms – whether dried, packaged or fresh – as Section 21 of the Drugs Act 2005 comes into force.

The Drugs Act 2005 received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005 with section 21 of the Act coming into force on 18 July 2005, in which it has amended the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 so that any fungi containing psilocin (a Class A hallucinogen) or an ester of psilocin – commonly known as magic mushrooms – are controlled drugs.

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!"

HSE's Principal Inspector of Diving, Mr. Frank Murray: "The close cooperation for this operation between HSE and the other responsible agencies is seen as a great success and heralds future similar operations. We are determined that dangerous commercial diving operations will be vigorously tracked down and stopped."

HSfB News Article: "Physical assaults amount to some 20,000 yearly and research seems to point to two main areas giving cause for concern such as: Underage children trying to purchase Alcohol and Tobacco; and middle aged women."



15 July 2005 – HSE Warning to Divers - Electrical Equipment

HSE Warning to Divers Using Underwater Electrical Equipment

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have issued a warning to divers who use unsafe and illegal underwater electrical equipment during commercial fishing.

The warning was issued following an investigation into the commercial fishing practices of razor fishing, known as "spoots", off the coast of Argyll and Bute in Scotland.

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

14 July 2005 - Major Step Forward in Firefighting at Sea

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A major project was launched in January 2003, sponsored by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), in co-operation with Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate (HMFSI) and the Chief & Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA), termed the "Sea of Change".

The projects' objective was to put in place an integrated fire and rescue response service, involving all emergency services for fire-fighting, chemical hazards and rescues at sea.

Supported by the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport (NUMAST), the "Sea of Change" initiative involves teams (approximately 50 per team) of specially trained and qualified professionals from various emergency services

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

12 July 2005 – Sleepwalkers Bed of Concrete a Chilling Tale

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At the end of last month, a young 15 year old teenage girl from Dulwich in London was found fast asleep on a crane within a building site close to her home, after she embarked on a sleepwalking journey.

The young girl climbed the ladder of the crane, walked across the narrow metal beam and completed her task by curling up on top of the concrete counterweight 40 meters above ground level. She was spotted by a passer-by.

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

12 July 2005 – USDAW Supports Checkout Operators

USDAW Supporting HSE Backs 2005 for Checkout Operators

The Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW) are backing the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Backs 2005 Campaign, in a bid to reduce the number of back problems received by checkout operators.

Union Safety Representatives will be actively involved in the HSE Backs 2005 Campaign, by providing information from checkout operators, identifying problem areas and suggesting practical solutions to the benefit of the operators and the company.

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

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.preparingforemergencies.gov.uk

CAN YOU HELP?

Preparing for Emergencies – What You Need to Know

TFL are encouraging passengers and staff to remain vigilant, to question who owns items that remain unattended and to report any unattended items or suspicious activity to transport staff or the Police.

Call for Witnesses: Anyone who knows where one of the suspects may be is asked to ring 999 and ask for Urgent Police Response. With any other information, please ring the Anti-Terrorism Hotline, 0800 789 321.

If you have photos or mobile phone images from any of the incident scenes, at the time of the incident or shortly before, please send them online via www.police.uk

The poster for the appeal can be [downloaded here](#) (.pdf, 1.3MB - may be slow to download).

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 July 2005 (so far)

Top 10 Downloads

1. Manual Handling Presentation Handout by Otto
2. Fork-Lift Trucks - by HSfB
3. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
4. Working At Height - by Ron Bonner
5. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident – HSfB
6. Toolbox Talks – by Otto
7. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
8. Safety Induction - by Malcolm Strong
9. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates
10. Management Style Paper 1 – Questions

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Downloads – PowerPoints
3. Downloads – Documents
4. Revision
5. News
6. Legislation News
7. Downloads - Miscellaneous
8. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
9. Contents
10. Useful Links

Top 5 Browsers

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

Stats for July

Average Daily Visits = 441

Max Daily Visits = 610

Visits in July (so far) = 11,488

Bandwidth (July) = 6,640 MB

Total Visits (approx) = 184,511

Forum Members = 327

Newsletter Subscribers = 282

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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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