

Introduction – We hope this issue finds you safe and well.

Welcome to our new look newsletter. In case you are wondering why the changes, it all boils down to time. This new look is a much more manageable format taking less than half the time to compile as the old format did, which in turn will hopefully provide you with a better service. That's where you can also help! We would really love to know exactly what you would like to see *in* or *out* of the newsletter. If you have any input into how the newsletter should take shape, please let us know as you are the most important feature of the newsletter – *the reader!*

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

The Use of Laptop Computers by Frank Cooper MIOSH RSP

The use of laptop or notebook computers is widespread and many people use them regularly as part of the work process. Regulation 1(4)(d) of the Health and Safety (Display Screen Equipment) Regulations 1992 states that the regulations do not apply to or in relation to portable systems not in prolonged use. However, where a laptop is used regularly by people as a significant part of their day-to-day work, then these regulations will apply. In many cases employers will use the "one-hour" rule i.e. if a laptop is used continually for one hour or more then the employee will be classified as a user. Employers therefore, should give consideration as to the use of laptops, particularly if there is a realistic alternative i.e. Use of a desktop system for personal use or "Hot desking" for intermittent use where no permanent workstation is available.

You can read this article in full by clicking the following link: [Your Articles](#)

Site News Including New Downloads

Two new articles have been published on [Your Articles](#) page, one by a member of the Northern TUC Health & Safety Forum - **Driving: A Cause for Concern??** Another by Frank Cooper MIOSH RSP - **The Use of Laptop Computers**

A new download has been added to the Downloads - PowerPoint page. **Working at Height** - by Mark Sutton 1.37MB

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- Consultation on Changes to the Packaging Regulations
- Consultation on the Revised Draft Code of Practice for the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995
- Consultation on Draft Regulations to Outlaw Age Discrimination

Legislation News

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

RSSB Risk Ranking Model Report for July 2005 SPADS

The new Risk-Ranking Model on Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) reports which provides information on Network Rail Controlled Infrastructure, measuring the likely consequences as devised by Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB), is now considered by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to be the preferred method of reporting the monthly SPAD figures.

WWT Construction Roadshow on Tour

The Working Well Together (WWT) Construction Roadshow commences its 5-week nationwide tour at the Persimmons Homes site in Bathgate, West Lothian, on Monday 5 September, where they will launch their proven "Worker Engagement" theme for reducing near miss accidents, ill-health and injuries within construction sites.

DVD for Disabled Available from Jobcentre Plus

Jobcentre Plus have launched a DVD for people with disabilities and health problems, which is aimed at providing information on the help Jobcentre Plus can give with securing employment.

HSE Seek Views on HMRI Interventions

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are seeking views from industry and any other interested parties, with regards to Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate's (HMRI's) proposed interventions in the management of contractors' strategy.

HSE Follow Progress of CSB Investigation Into BP

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are following progress of the investigations by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), into the disaster at the BP plant in Texas...

HSE Target Construction Sites Nationally in October

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Construction Division Inspectors will, throughout the month of October 2005, target near completion construction sites nationally, where they will be looking at good order and low fall issues.

HSE Advises Correct Use of Gas Forges

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), investigating complaints relating to flame failure devices (FFD) on gas forges, have advised that an FFD should not be overridden by operators.

HSE Revise Guidance on PPE

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a revised guidance on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), to assist employers who supply and use PPE for compliance with their duties under the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (L25).

New Health and Safety Partnership for Scotland

The first meeting of a new Scottish Health and Safety Partnership has taken place in Glasgow. It aims to improve health and safety within the workplace, as part of the Health and Safety Commission's (HSC's) working well together strategy for safer work places to 2010 and beyond and is supported by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), UK and Scottish Ministers.

TUC Report on Prolonged Standing at Work

A Trades Union Congress (TUC) report has likened British workers who have to endure prolonged standing in the workplace to that of being worse than in the Victorian era, as less protection is offered in today's workplaces.

Top 10 Downloads

1. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
2. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
3. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate by HSfB
4. The Six Pack by HSfB
5. Toolbox Talks by Otto
6. Fork Lift Trucks by HSfB
7. Mock Practical Observation Sheets by HSfB
8. Mock NEBOSH Practical Report by HSfB
9. Risk Assessment by Nick Higginson
10. Risk Assessment Guidance Note by Craig Lydiate

Stats for August

Av'g Daily Visits = 441

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Other articles in our news pages since last issue.

- [APIL Calling for Points System Under RIDDOR](#)
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Photo of the Week & Joke of the Week from Safetyphoto.co.uk

With thanks to Stoker at [Safetyphoto](#) for bringing us safety photos, environmental photos, safety case law, books and jokes. Our new regular feature of photo and joke of the week starts here.

Scientists at NASA have developed a gun built specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity.

The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British safety engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, but when the gun fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof windshield and smashed it to smithereens, crashed through the console control, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin. Horrified, the safety engineers sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield, and begged the US scientists for suggestions. NASA's response was just one sentence:

"Defrost the chicken"



Spot the fire exit.

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](#)

[MHRA Home Page](#)



HSfB Community Forums

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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.

Department of Trade and Industry – Sustainable Development and Environment

This web site gives information on the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive and the related directive on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS). WEEE aims to minimise the impacts of electrical and electronic equipment on the environment during their lifetimes and when they become waste, while RoHS will ban the placing on the EU market of new electrical and electronic equipment containing more than agreed levels of certain substances.

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