

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

Welcome to the HSfB fortnightly newsletter. The results of our online poll are in, in which we asked you if you would subscribe to a free SMS text message alerting system, which would instantly inform you of new additions to our Legislation News page. 52 visitors took part in the poll with 90% voting yes they would subscribe to the service. Thank you again for taking part. Details for the new free service are being looked at and as soon as any new developments are made, you will as always, be the first to know.

You can view the results here: [HSfB Online Survey - SMS Alert Service](#)

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

Accident in work ... bad makes worse - Phil

This article was originally a post in our discussion forums, but it was thought to be a valuable lesson learned and has now been published in the hope it can help others. This article may be updated in time with the most recent findings, so check back soon in case there are any new developments.

Today I was witness to the aftermath of an accident in work. A team of us went to do some maintenance and part of the job was lowering a column using a winch. A job we do almost daily. All staff are trained on use of the winches. All winches are tested and tagged.

So what went wrong?

Apparently they were winding the column down as they have done on many occasions when a bit of slack in the cable on the winch drum allowed the column to slip slightly...

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

Site News Including New Downloads

New downloads have been added to the [Downloads - Documents](#) page: [Child Safety Seat Use](#); [Head Restraints](#); [Motorway Hard Shoulder Safety](#); [Overtaking](#); [Speed Control](#)

A new article has been published on the [Your Articles](#) page from one of our discussion forum members, [Phil - Accident in work ... bad makes worse](#).

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- Equality and Diversity: Age discrimination in employment and vocational training - Consultation on draft legislation to outlaw age discrimination.
- Consultation on Proposals for Amendments to Waste Management Licensing Exemptions Relating to Hazardous Waste

Legislation News

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

Free RoSPA Breakfast Briefing for Scottish Businesses

Scottish businesses are to benefit from a free health and safety breakfast briefing, organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), on the second morning of RoSPA's "Scotland Safety and Health at Work Congress 2005", taking place at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow, on 28-29 September, 2005.

HSE's New Chief Inspector of Construction

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have announced the appointment of their new Chief Inspector of Construction Mr. Stephen Williams. Mr. Williams took up his new position yesterday Monday 19 September 2005.

Get Involved in Ban Bullying at Work Day

Continuing their campaign to raise awareness of bullying in the workplace, the Andrea Adams Trust are asking businesses and organisations to help by getting involved on this year's *National Ban Bullying at Work Day*, on **Monday 7 November**.

Violence in the Workplace Still Shocking

The latest British Crime Survey by the Home Office for England and Wales, although showing a downward trend, still reports shocking results for the number of victims of violence in the workplace.

New Research Report within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a new research report on the impact of human factors on the likelihood and severity of slip and trip accidents.

DEFRA Consultation on Hazardous Waste Exemptions

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), have confirmed consultation to proposed changes to hazardous waste licensing exemptions in England and Wales, with the addition of storage improvement and monitoring procedures.

New Research Report On Quality of Health and Safety Information

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have made available their third research report on the quality of health and safety information made available to the public by major companies, Government Department Agencies, NHS Trusts and Local Authorities.

Controversial Traffic Light Pilot Scheme

A controversial pilot scheme is underway in Warwickshire and the London Borough of Bexley, whereby a "Traffic Light" system has been put in place for food safety, health and safety and trading standards companies to be able to-opt out from the official health and safety inspection system by self-regulating.

HSE Getting it Right Advice for School Trips

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided a webpage, "Getting it right", for teachers and anyone who has a role to play in educational outdoor visits for school children such as parents, youth organisations, leaders, local education authorities etc.

HSE Guidance Pack for Storage of Explosives

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced guidance for Local Authorities, Fire Service and Police Staff on Enforcement of Regulations on the Storage of Explosives, to assist in the enforcement of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005.

[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. Working at Height by Mark Sutton
2. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident by HSfB
3. Toolbox Talks by Otto
4. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
5. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
6. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
7. Management Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB
8. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
9. Practical Report
10. Hazards Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB

[Stats for September](#)

Av'g Daily Visits = 476

Max Daily Visits = 736

Visits = 14,299

Bandwidth = 10,610 MB

Total Visits (approx) = 224,607

Forum Members = 376

Newsletter Subscribers = 338



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What is a Weblog?

What is a Weblog?

Definition - Blog: (noun) - A weblog or similar brief journal usually containing links and commentary thereon.

There are many definitions of what a weblog is. In it's simplest of simplest of forms; a weblog is a dated entry on a website. Weblogs originated in 1993/94 at the beginning of the internet itself. Back then they were lists of links to other sites with commentary alongside. The weblog editor, known as a blogger, surfs the web for topics of interest to him/her. They then post a weblog about one of the links that they found particularly interesting. Alongside these links would be commentary about the link itself.

Our weblogs are basically a journal of additions to the site, whether it be new articles written by our visitors, site news, news articles with even more to come.

If you would like more information on our Weblogs and RSS feeds, please visit the following page: [HSfB Blogs and RSS Feeds](#)

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.

4 Doctors

Four doctors who hadn't seen each other since their surgical residencies met at a medical seminar. Adjourning for dinner and drinks, they turned their conversation to, who makes the best surgical patients:

The first said, for sure, electrical engineers. "You open 'em up," he contended, "and everything is colour-coded."

"Nah," said the second. "It's librarians. You open them up and everything is in alphabetical order."

The third scoffed. "Of course not," he said. "It's accountants. You open them up and everything is numbered."

"Safety Managers," said the fourth, with a shake of his head. "It's Safety Managers, you idiots! No heart, no guts, no spine, and the ass and the brain are interchangeable."



Add 1 pallet a few bricks and balance carefully on wall, sprinkle a liberal amount of rain around and wait patiently as it all sinks into the mud. The scaffold boards are not secured and have no support at the ends.

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.

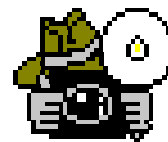
Download the MHRA PDF document for further information on dates, venues and a registration form:

[Blood Safety PDF](#)

[MHRA Home Page](#)

HSfB Community Forums

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....



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Notice Board and 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.

[DangerSpot Children's Picture Books – www.dangerspot.co.uk](http://www.dangerspot.co.uk)

DangerSpot Books are children's picture books dealing with your children's health and safety, helping to prevent accidents within the home and elsewhere. The best buy for any occasion.

Harey, the hare-brained rabbit, is always rushing around, having accidents. His antics illustrate a whole range of potential dangers which might hurt your child, including electrical and fire hazards, chemicals and poisons, burns and scalds, falls and other injuries.

[Backhappy – www.backhappy.co.uk](http://www.backhappy.co.uk)

Specialist providers of ergonomic solutions and innovative work spaces. Ergonomics is not a curve in a desk, it is the relationship between a person and their environment. We believe that helping you create a working space that is truly 'ergonomic' means taking into account all the interacting elements of a space.



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

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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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