

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

As the Asian Quake death toll reportedly reaches an incredible 38,000, we would like to express our thoughts and wishes for the survivors and their families during these difficult times. If you would like to contribute to the appeal, please visit the following links:

- www.dec.org.uk
- www.rapidsar.org.uk

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

Driving: A Cause for Concern??- The Hidden Dangers – By a member of the Northern TUC Health & Safety Forum

Most, if not all, Safety Reps in the Region will be aware of the ongoing HSE and the Northern TUC coordinated 'Backs 2005' campaign to improve the health and safety of all workers particularly in regard back injury and associated injuries.

Therefore the report below, compiled by a member of the Northern TUC Health & Safety Forum Working Party arrived in my email tray at a very opportune time highlighting an area of concern that does not seem to have been addressed in this way before. (George Partridge Chair Northern TUC Health & Safety Forum).

We are all aware of the substantial advances in safety that have been developed to help reduce the risks of injury or fatalities when driving, such as Seatbelts, Airbags, Abs Brakes, etc. However, there are number of hidden dangers that professional drivers face on a daily basis, these are Musculoskeletal Disorders, Wruld's, & Possibly Dvt's.

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: [Copy of PEEP Template - Personal Emergency Escape Plan](#); [DISPLAY SCREEN EQUIPMENT USE POSTURE GUIDANCE 2](#); [Policy Template](#)

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2005
- Draft Food Hygiene (England) (No 2) Regulations 2005
- The Disability Discrimination (Questions and Replies) Order 2005
- Consultation on the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) (Further and Higher Education) Regulations 2006
- Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2005

Legislation News

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Useful Links

- [A.S.A.T.S](#)
- [enricoSmog](#)
- [Fife Chamber of Safety](#)
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ASATS Making sense of safety - having fun whilst we're doing it.

Free Machine Accident Investigation Kit for SME's

Procter Machinery Guarding is launching a free tool which will help Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SME's) in the manufacturing industry investigate machine-related accidents in the workplace.

HSA Concern Over Fatalities of Migrant Workers

Ireland's Health and Safety Authority (HSA) are concerned over the number of fatalities occurring in work-related incidents to non-English speaking migrant workers.

HSE Ladder Week Initiative

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are launching a weeklong event, commencing on 14 November 2005. The aim of the initiative is to promote the safe use of ladders for a reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injuries incurred through incorrect use of ladders in the workplace.

Second Meeting of Construction Industry Forums

The second meeting of the Construction Industry Council Strategic Forum's Health and Safety task group has taken place with a welcome rise in the number of signatories to the forums' "Respect for People" (RfP) code of practice from 130 to 230.

New Research Reports Within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced new research reports: Containment of GM plant viruses being developed as gene technology vectors; Development of functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to measure the central nervous system response to chronic back pain; Burden of Occupational Cancer in Great Britain.

Changes to GMO Regulations

Changes to the Genetically Modified Regulations (GMO's) have been made as to their containment and use. The changes are aimed at simplifying and clarifying the recent requirements and will apply to contained use facilities...

ECA and HVCA Sign Commitment for Better Health and Safety New Research Report On Quality of Health and Safety Information

The Electrical Contractors Association (ECA) and the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' (HVCA) have signed a commitment to maximise joint working on health and safety.

New HSE Leaflet on Tower Scaffolds

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a new construction information sheet on Tower Scaffolds. The leaflet is aimed at users and a guide for those who select the most appropriate mobile access towers for their purposes.

New Research Report within HSE Website

A new research report, funded by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and undertaken by the University of Aberdeen has been produced, investigating the possibility of musculoskeletal and cognitive deficit due to welding in divers.

HSE Mobile Plant Warning to Construction Industry

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have issued a warning to the construction industry regarding the risks to users of mobile elevating working platforms (MEWP's) and Telehandlers, as it has been found that fatalities to users of these two mobile plant machines have common features.

[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. Management Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB
2. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
3. The Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident by HSfB
4. HSWA Main Sections for NEBOSH Certificate - Summary by HSfB
5. Working at Height by Mark Sutton
6. Management Style Paper 1 Answers by HSfB
7. Coldrop's Example Practical Exam – Inspection Report
8. Toolbox Talks by Otto
9. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
10. Hazards Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB

[Stats October So Far](#)

[Av'g Daily Visits - 514](#)

[Max Daily Visits - 682](#)

[Visits - 7,201](#)

[Bandwidth - 5,308 MB](#)

[Total Visits - 231,808](#)

[Forum Members - 390](#)

[News Subscribers - 342](#)



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Other articles in our news pages since last issue

- [13.5 Million Pound Fines for Hatfield Rail Disaster](#)
- [HSE Research Report on Management Standards for Stress](#)
- [HSE Updated Firework Display Guidance](#)
- [Introduction of Flashing Cones and Escort Convoys](#)
- [SPADs Report for August 2005](#)
- [Safe-T-Cert for Irelands Construction Industry](#)
- [Merseyside Launch 999 SMS Service for the Deaf](#)
- [Don't Speak To Your Hand Held Mobile Whilst Driving](#)
- [Three New HSE Guidance Leaflets Available](#)
- [HSE New Website Areas](#)
- [Update on Hatfield Rail Disaster](#)
- [HSE Forthcoming Noise Vibration Roadshow Venue](#)

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.

WHEN, WHAT, HOW

Q: When does a person decide to become a Safety Manager?

A: When he realizes he doesn't have the charisma to be an undertaker.

Q: What do safety Managers use for birth control?

A: Their personalities

Q: How can you tell an extroverted safety Manager?

A: When he talks to you, he looks at your safety shoes instead of his own

TWO KINDS

There are two kinds of Safety Guys, those that know the law and those that know the judge.



The person who plugged the washing machine in was blown across the room but was found to be unharmed after a brief check up at hospital. Cause - incorrect wiring in the washing machine.

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....



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.

[Bring Back your Empties for ChildLine and Help Change a Child's Life](#)

Users of gas barbecues, patio heaters, portable heaters and caravans are being urged by Calor Gas to hand over empty and unwanted gas cylinders as part of a campaign to raise much-needed funds for ChildLine, the UK's free, 24-hour helpline for children in danger and distress.

[London Construction Workers Forum](#)

This forum is to help provide advice and help for all the construction workers in London and to talk about all things that effect our lives.

[FreebieVillage Discussion Forum](#)

FreebieVillage is a discussion forum that highlights and informs people of bargains and freebies for anything and everything.

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