



We hope this issue finds you safe and well.

Welcome to the HSfB fortnightly newsletter. It has been such a quick year!

As this year draws to a close, we at HSfB would like to wish you all the very best for the New Year and a big thank you for your excellent support and contributions, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for all of you.

The newsletter will be having a slight holiday and will be back on 7 January 2006 – we hope you all have a great holiday season.

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

Noise at Work – By John Johnston AIIRSM

In 1993 a European Union (EU) proposal for a Physical Agents Directive was made looking to establish a framework for the regulation of physical agents at work, which included noise. In January 2001, the Swedish Presidency introduced a proposal for a Noise Directive to repeal the existing 1986 Noise Directive (86/188/EEC) which was implemented in the UK by the Noise at Work Regulations 1989 and in the other European Union Countries around the same time.

The Noise at Work Regulations 1989 will therefore be replaced on 6 April 2006 by the more stringent Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005. A comparison of the changes to the 1989 Regulations and the forthcoming 2005 Regulations are highlighted in bullet form within this article.

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

Site News Including New Downloads

- New download added to the **Downloads PowerPoints** section
 - **Hazard Assessment** by Graham Clarke 267KB
 - A new article has been published on the **Your Articles** page - **Noise at Work** by John Johnston AIIRSM

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- Proposals for a Workplace Exposure Limit for Respirable Crystalline Silica
- The Disability Discrimination (Private Clubs etc.) Regulations 2005
- The Disability Discrimination (Prescribed Times and Periods for Accessibility Strategies and Plans for Schools) (England) Regulations 2005

Legislation News

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

Death Influenced by Bullying in the Workplace

A jury inquest, at Oldham Magistrates Court, into the death of a young teenage girl, on Boxing Day 2003, ruled that Hannah Kirkham from Baguley, Greater Manchester had died from "cardiac arrest, brought on by ingestion of her medication" and was "significantly influenced" by the abuse and threats to her life from bullies within her workplace.

HSC Consultation for New Workplace Exposure Limits

A consultation on proposals for new Workplace Exposure Limits (WEL's) for Respirable Crystalline Silica has been published by the Health and Safety Commission (HSC).

Two million employees every year are exposed to crystalline silica, a naturally occurring mineral found in rock, sands, clay, building materials made from them such as bricks, concrete and tiles, exposing at least, as estimated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), 100,000 workers to the dust containing respirable crystalline silica.

HSE Update on First Aid Provision for Public

The Health and Safety Executive have reviewed the duty required by employers under The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981, which states that employers must provide adequate first aid equipment, facilities and personnel to their employees. However, the Regulations do not extend to members of the public and non-employees, which can cause difficulties in such places as schools, entertainment facilities, fairgrounds and shops.

HSE Commission Dress Rehearsal for Forthcoming Survey

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided funding and have commissioned the British Market Research Bureau (BMRB) Social Research, (part of BMRB International Limited) to conduct a "Dress Rehearsal" survey for the large scale health and safety at work surveys to be undertaken between 2005-2015.

New DDA Extension Now in Force

The extension to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, now included in the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, has today, 5 December 2005, become enforceable, protecting thousands more people with discrimination rights.

HSE Report on Explosion at Humber Refinery

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their investigative report on the ConocoPhillips Limited Humber Refinery major explosion, which occurred in April, 2001.

TUC RoSPA ACAS Christmas Party Advice

The Trades Union Congress (TUC), Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) and ACAS have released advice to organisations, in order to help Christmas parties run smoothly and make it a happy Christmas experience for all.

Farming Industry to Reap Benefits of New Qualifications

A Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Vocational Qualifications' (VQ's) initiative, recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), on health and safety in the farming industry, is aimed at reducing the poor health and safety record currently within the farming industry.

New Research Consultations and Guidance on HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided new research reports, consultations and guidance on their website which you can read via our news link above.

[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate
2. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
3. Mnemonics for H & S Document by Mike Riley
4. Mock Practical Report
5. Mnemonics for NEBOSH PowerPoint by Mike Riley
6. Coldrop's Example Practical Exam – Inspection Report
7. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
8. Management Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB
9. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow by Craig Lydiate
10. Safe System of Work for Ladder Use - by Steve Carey

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Think! Don't Dice with Death at Christmas

Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire have launched their first ever three cities 'THINK!' Christmas drink drive campaign. The Department for Transport (DfT) campaign is supported by Police and local road safety officers and aims to warn drivers that it takes less alcohol than they think to become a drink driver.

Giant dice were used at each of the three launches to symbolise the terrible risks involved in drink driving. Each side of the dice revealed a devastating consequence of drink driving, including 'kill your family' and 'lose your job'. Latest national government figures reveal that drink drive related deaths are at the highest level since 1992.

Full Story - <http://www.goem.gov.uk/goem/news/drinkdriving05/>



Photo of the Week & Joke of the Week from Safetyphoto.co.uk and our Forums

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Accident Report

"Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to your request for additional information on the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of bricks left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor. Securing the rope at ground level I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it.

Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of bricks. You will note on my accident form that my weight is 135 pounds. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate up the side of the building.

[Click here to read the entire joke on Safetyphoto...](#)



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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.

www.AntiSocialBehaviour.org.uk

Are you on the receiving end of anti-social behaviour? Have you had enough? Do you need ASB information? Are you an anti-social behaviour practitioner or simply looking for information about the ASBO? AntiSocialBehaviour.org.uk features something for everyone.

London
Construction
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Forum

[Health and Safety Executive – Workers' health and safety](#)

All workers, whether they are permanent staff, agency or contractors, need to be aware of issues that affect their health and safety at work.

These web pages are about helping workers become more aware of the health and safety issues that affect them and their responsibilities, so they can play their part in improving health and safety in the workplace.

HSfB:

"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 and legislation.

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