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# HSfB Newsletter

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A report to accompany our bullying survey has been published.

[Report](#)

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## *Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB*

### Introduction

*Although a Happy New Year wish is the usual greeting at this time, I find it hard to say it without thinking of those who have lost so much in Asia on Boxing Day. Maybe it should be left at that...*

This newsletter is published with a great deal of sadness and sorrow for each and every one of the families who have been affected by the recent tragic Asian

tsunami, hence the appeal for yet more money at the foot of this newsletter.

We all have our own thoughts and prayers for those in need, but even £5 can do so much to help.

Even a hands on approach can do so much, why not volunteer with a local charity group working to package goods for shipping to Asia if you cannot afford money?



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

**Straightforward, flexible solutions for managing your health & safety needs.**

### *Make Your Point!*

We at **HSfB** try to provide an impartial, informative source of the latest news stories, new legislation and reports etc. However, we recognise that you may have opinions and views on various articles published on our **HSfB** News area. With this in mind, we would like to commence with a pilot scheme, which we are naming - **Make Your Point!** The scheme will enable you to contact us with your views and opinions which we will publish (in complete anonymity if requested) in our fortnightly newsletter. Simply send us your opinions and we will publish your views, without bias.

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### HSfB Website Relaunch Sunday 9 Jan '05

HSfB is nearly one year old (February 2005) and we feel it is about time to move away from our original web site format and aim for a more simplistic and functional web site.

**The new face of HSfB is ready for its long awaited relaunch this Sunday 9 January.** A great deal of work has been put into creating the new website design in order to make it load quickly and to make it easier and more logical to navigate, along with aims for accessibility later in the year. We really hope you like the new design and would sincerely appreciate your feedback after the relaunch.

This year looks as though it could be a very exciting one indeed for HSfB and we look forward to sharing it all with you, the ones who make it all possible.

**New Legislation**

No new legislation  
since last issue.

**New Consultations**

No new  
consultations since  
last issue.

## 7 Jan 2005 – New WHO Website Launched

### New Occupational Health Website Launched in Three Languages

A new occupational health website has been launched by the World Health Organisation (WHO) now offered in three languages, English, French and Spanish.

The WHO is the United Nations specialised agency for health. They say that fatalities, injuries and illness in the workplace is at unacceptably high levels, causing an enormous health burden in suffering and loss to the economy of between 4 and 5% of gross domestic product (GDP). This loss amounts to figures of 2 million work-related deaths per year, which are figures given by the International Labour Organisation for the year 2000.

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## 7 Jan 2005 – Campaign to Eliminate Passive Smoking

### Northern Ireland Campaign to Eliminate Passive Smoking in the Workplace

A major public information programme by the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) in Northern Ireland has been launched in order to try to eliminate passive smoking in the workplace.

The campaign is aimed at employers and the welfare sector, as part of the latest public information programme by the HPA.

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

## 6 Jan 2005 – HSE Nov Report Published for SPADs

### HSE November Report Published for Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published the Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) report for November 2004.

There are hundreds of SPADS each year, of which most have little or no potential to cause harm. Most are the result of minor misjudgements of distance or braking capability, or they occur at low speed during shunting operations.

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## 5 Jan 2005 – Returning to Cold Workplace No Joke

### Returning to Cold Workplace No Joke Say TUC

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) once again is calling on employers to arrange for heating to be turned on prior to workers return from Christmas holiday period.

The legal temperature of at least 16oC should be complied with, but the TUC receive many telephone calls from workers complaining of freezing temperatures upon returning to work after businesses have been closed over the Festive Season.

The health of workers having to endure such cold temperatures can affect dexterity, mobility and perhaps add to conditions such as arthritis, heart disease and muscular disorders.

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

## 5 Jan 2005 – Freedom of Information New Area within HSC Website

### Freedom of Information New Area Within HSC Website

The Health and Safety Commission (HSC) and Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have made provision within their website, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), which will provide greater knowledge on what and how the HSC/E are progressing as an accountable organisation.

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## 5 Jan 2005 – New HSE Self Assessment Software for Farming Industry

### New HSE Self Assessment Software Package for Farming Industry

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a free interactive software package for farmers, which they hope will assist in simplifying the risk assessment process within the industry.

The farming industry has one of the worst fatality rates and by producing the new software package, the HSE's aim is to improve upon the good health and safety practices within the industry, thus reducing accidents and fatalities.

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## 27 Dec 2004 – New CoP for Impairment Tests on Drugs Driving Service

### New Code of Practice for Preliminary Impairment Tests on Drugs Driving

Police now have the powers to stop suspect drivers and carry out roadside impairment tests under the new Code of Practice for drug driving, issued by the Secretary of State Road Traffic Act 1988 Sections 3A, 4 and section 6B, as amended by the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003, for the use of trained and authorised police officers.

The code outlines the way in which the trained police officers must conduct the tests.

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## 27 Dec 2004 – DWP Sets Out Plans against Ageism in the Workplace

### DWP Sets Out Plans Against Ageism in the Workplace

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) have set out plans, in a bid to tackle the age discrimination problem in the workplace, as part of the Governments' commitment to implementing the European Employment Directive by 2006, outlawing the discrimination of age in both vocational training and employment.

Mr. Alan Johnson, Work and Pensions Secretary and Patricia Hewitt, Trade and Industry Secretary, have put forward various proposals.

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*Patricia Hewitt:*  
*“Age discrimination is the last bastion of lawful unfair discrimination in the workplace and we are committed to tackling it.”*

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*“However, exemption certificates allowing museums, Minor Railways and Heritage Railways requiring the supply of vehicles with residual amounts of asbestos, do not have an end date.”  
HSfB News Extract.*

## 27 Dec 2004 – Rail Asbestos Exemption Expires

### Railway Locomotives and Rolling Stock Asbestos Exemption Expires Jan 2005

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have announced the expiry date for exemptions from certain parts of the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations 1992 (SI 1992 No3067), which allows bearings containing asbestos and asbestos seals for mudhole doors on steam locomotives. The Certificate of Exemption will cease and no longer be legal after 31 December 2004.

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## 20 Dec 2004 – Bill Published for Scots Smoking Ban

### Health and Social Care Bill Published in Scotland for Smoking Ban

The controversial ban on smoking in public places within Scotland sees the publication of a Health and Social Care bill, to be implemented in spring 2006.

Under the regulations, the ban will be on such places as: wholly enclosed and

to which the public, or a section of the public, has access; premises which are being used wholly, or mainly, as a place of work by persons who are employees; premises which are being used by, and for the purposes of, a club or other unincorporated

association; premises which are being used wholly, or mainly, for the provision of education, health or care services

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## 20 Dec 2004 – HSE Rail Chief to Remain for Merger

### HSE Rail Chief to Remain for ORR Merger

The Health and Safety's (HSE's) head of HM Railway Inspectorate (HMRI), Dr. Allan Sefton is to remain past his forthcoming retirement date of 14 April 2005 until HMRI's merger with the Office of Rail Regulations (ORR), as agreed by HSE's Director General, Mr. Timothy Walker and Mr. Chris Bolt, Chairman of ORR.

Dr. Sefton has headed HMRI since October 2003 and has a long standing service since joining the Factory Inspectorate in 1969, working in many senior posts within the HSE, Head of HSE's Offshore Safety Division and serving as HSE Director for Scotland.

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*Dr. Sefton, I am very happy to stay on in HSE until the HMRI merger with the ORR. HSE is committed to ensuring that rail health, safety and welfare standards are maintained throughout the transition period and to manage the change process effectively.”*

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## Featured Web Sites

Within each issue of the HSfB newsletter, we will be featuring web sites that may be of interest to you.

### [TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL](#) [DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE](#)

**Please make a donation if you haven't already done so. Even if you have, please donate more if you can. Surely the people affected by this terrible catastrophe need it more than we do.**

**Click this area for the official UK organisation coordinating efforts to raise as much money as possible to help rebuild the countries affected.**

**Donation enquiries to: 0207 436 6000**

**Text "DONATE" to 83321 and £1.50 will be donated to the appeal.**

### [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....

## Final HSfB Site Statistics for December 2004

### Top 10 Downloads

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| 1. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates              | 6. OSHAS 18001 Slideshow                  |
| 2. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson          | 7. The Toolbox Talk Programme.zip         |
| 3. Working At Height by Ron Bonner                         | 8. Management Style Answers - Paper 1     |
| 4. Management Style Questions - Paper 1                    | 9. Hazard Style Questions - Paper 1       |
| 5. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate | 10. Summary of H & S Acts and Regulations |

### HSfB Visitor Growth '04

- ✚ May - **5496**
- ✚ June - **6588**
- ✚ July - **5098**
- ✚ August - **5986**
- ✚ September - **8036**
- ✚ October - **10809**
- ✚ November - **11174**
- ✚ December - **10477**
- ✚ January so far in the first week of 2005 – **2128**
- ✚ These are approx' figures according to our stats service, not incl' earlier months.

### Top 5 Browsers

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

### Stats for 2004

**Average Daily Visits = 277**

**Max Daily Visits = 693**

**Visits January '05 = 2,128**

**Bandwidth, Ever = 45.43GB**

**Total Visits (approx) = 74,474**

**Forum Members = 148**

**Newsletter Subscribers = 135**

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Our status is a not-for-profit Sole Trader, which is owned, managed and financed by John Johnston AIIRSM.

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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