

We hope this issue finds you safe and well – Happy New Year!

Hopefully you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year, with a bit of luck you will be fighting fit and raring to go for another full and hectic year in the world of health and safety.

This issue is aimed at the previous year's growth of HSfB and what we can achieve for 2006. You will be the first to see our new web page created for our annual site statistics page which will be updated annually to let us watch HSfB mature over time. None of which is possible without you.

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

A Tragic Lesson – By John Johnston AIIRSM on behalf of an HSfB visitor

This article has been created from an incident report sent to us here at HSfB where a visitor to the site thought it could perhaps help prevent similar tragic events from happening in the future.

Incident Description

At 10.25 a.m. on 11 November, 2005 a plater fell to his death whilst replacing stair treads on the Clipper PW platform. The fall was not witnessed.

Outcome

The Injured Party sustained severe head injuries from which he died.

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

Site News Including New Downloads

- A new article has been published on the [Your Articles](#) page – **A Tragic Lesson** by John Johnston AIIRSM on behalf of an HSfB visitor.

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- The Railways (Accident Investigation and Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations 2005
- Managing competence for safety-related systems
- The Disability Discrimination Code of Practice (Public Authorities) (Duty to Promote Equality) (Appointed Day) Order 2005

Legislation News

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

4 January 2006 - [EHO's to Carry Out HSE Duties in MVR Workshops](#)

A new pilot scheme, whereby Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) will carry out Health and Safety Executive (HSE) duties within Motor Vehicle Repair (MVR) workshops, is being launched for evaluation by Peterborough City Council in Cambridgeshire. The HSE will evaluate the scheme prior to becoming a blueprint for Local Authorities (LA's) Nationwide.

The scheme emerged from a working in partnership group, consisting of Peterborough City Council Representatives, the HSE, the HSE's partnership and a Local Authority Group and although MVR's are the main focus of the scheme, it will also include dry cleaning and launderette businesses.

3 January 2006 - [RNID and TUC Break the Sound Barrier](#)

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) have teamed up in a bid to encourage both workers and managers into taking the RNID's new telephone hearing check.

27 December 2005 - [HSE to Launch New Small Business Campaign](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are getting ready to launch a new campaign for small businesses to highlight how good health and safety practise can reduce costs.

The new campaign - *Better business - small businesses* - will be launched on January 9th 2005. The message is clear, "*Good health and safety = good business*".

19 December 2005 - [HSL Report Shows Non Union Workplaces Failing](#)

A report, conducted by the Health and Safety Laboratories (HSL), into the awareness and participation of workers on health and safety within non-union workplaces, found most to be "clueless" regarding consultation laws with "very limited" participation from the workforce.

15 December 2005 - [New HSE Guidance Notes and Leaflets](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided new guidance notes and leaflets for the following:

- [Falls from height - Working at Height Guidance for Schools](#)
- [Workplace Transport Safety](#)
- [Working Platforms \(non-integrated\) on Fork Lift Trucks](#)

15 December 2005 - [HSC Recommend Explicit Safety Duties for Directors](#)

Following a meeting by the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) on 6 December 2005, in which unions and safety campaigners proposed that Directors of organisations should have explicit health and safety duties ensuring compliance with safety law, the HSC agreed and recommended the following:

- There should be positive legal duties on directors to ensure their organisations comply with safety law.
- There should be more authoritative guidance.
- There should be more enforcement.
- There should be greater penalties and more use of director disqualifications.



[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. Lifting and Handling Techniques
2. Hazard Assessment by Graham Clarke
3. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate
4. Mnemonics for H & S Document by Mike Riley
5. Working at Height by Mark Sutton
6. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates
7. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
8. Toolbox Talks by Otto
9. Management Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB
10. Mock Practical Observation Sheets

[Stats Jan – so far](#)

Av'g Daily Visits – 469

Max Daily Visits – 708

Visits – 4,228

Bandwidth – 3,357 MB

Total Visits – 284,926

Forum Members – 505

News Subscribers – 414



[HCMB Access Consultancy](#)

HSfB has grown since it began nearly two years ago and we thought it would be good for you to see by how much. The growth is with the greatest thanks to you, our readers!

This is a little insight into the growth of HSfB since the beginning of 2005. Unfortunately, the statistics only run from February 2005, but the statistics will be published annually from now on.

- Total visits since HSfB began = **280,698**
- Total pages visited in 2005 = **921,882**
- Total files downloaded in 2005 = **5,961,451**

More statistics and graphs can be found by clicking the following link:

[HSfB - Site Statistics 2005](#)

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Our newsletter reaches over **400** people who have a direct involvement or interest in health, safety and environmental matters.

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Photo of the Week & Joke of the Week from [Safetyphoto.co.uk](#) and our Forums

With thanks to Stoker at [Safetyphoto](#) for bringing us safety photos, environmental photos, safety case law, books and jokes.

Fire Training

When the employees of a scaffold company attended a fire safety seminar, they watched a fire officer demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher.

"Pull the pin like a hand grenade," he roared, (typical ex army)

"Then depress the trigger to release the extinguishing agent."

Later an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the live demonstration area.

In his nervousness, he forgot to pull the pin.

The instructor roared,

"Like a hand grenade?"

"Like a hand grenade, remember?"

In a burst of confidence he pulled the pin... ..and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.



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....

Moving Furniture - Workers moving couch to second floor. The building is only 5 feet away from metal fence. The worker is also tending his own safety line.



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.

The Health and Safety Department

We have a team of qualified and experienced health and safety consultants who can take the pain out of health and safety. We provide tailor made solutions for your organisation and will work with you to ensure that your safety provision benefits your business rather than hinders it.

Safe Driving Guide

Alphabet is again this winter offering UK businesses free guides for all their drivers, giving tips and advice for year-round safe driving.

The guide is called "Drive alert. Arrive Alive," reflecting statistics that show that the main causes of road accidents are inattention and mistakes. It offers drivers vital tips on anticipating traffic hazards and steering clear of dangerous situations at all times, as well as on driving safely in bad weather.

London
Construction
Workers
Forum

HSfB:

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

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

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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