

We hope this issue finds you safe and well

Newsletter delay

When we sent out our last newsletter, Issue 35 – 22 January 2006, some of you may not have received your copy until the following Tuesday, 24 January 2006. This was due to our newsletter mail handler having server problems and speed issues due to a recent spate of virus attacks on the World Wide Web. Hopefully Issue 36 has found you quickly, if not please let us know and we will investigate further.

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

Your Articles

Have you created any articles relating to health and safety at work? Would you like to publish them on HSfB in the hope that they may help somebody in the future? If so, let us know and your article will be published in [Your Articles](#) pages. We will publish your articles, long or short, as long as they relate to health and safety at work in some way or another. You may be a specialist in a particular subject, or you simply want to take an interest in something, research it and write about it.

Send you articles to: hsfb@healthandsafetytips.co.uk

Your Articles

Site News Including New Downloads

- Our Downloads pages have been merged to form one single page for ease of use, we hope this is an easier layout for you to browse the downloads on offer. If you have any further comments on how to improve any pages on the site, you can use our feedback form - [Feedback](#) or any other means available on this site - [Contact Us](#)

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- Consultation on Water Resources Management Regulations
- The Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for Use Outdoors (Amendment) Regulations 2005

Legislation News

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

1 February 2006 - [SPADs Report for Fourth Quarter 2005](#)

HM Railway Inspectorate (HMRI) Report of Signals Passed at Danger for the 4th quarter of 2005 has been published, summary of which includes the following:

- 97 signals were passed at danger, 13 more than Q4 2004, 12 fewer than the average for Q4 since 2001.
- 7 were serious SPAD (risk ranking score 20+), compared with 9 in Q4 2004.
- 46 SPAD's were at signals with previous SPAD history, 1 of which had been passed at danger 8 times or more since 1985.
- 17 trains ran past the signal by 200 yards or more.

1 February 2006 - [Police Chiefs and HSE Meeting to Beat Police Stress](#)

Following the Freedom of Information (FOI) figures released on 17 January 2006, Police Chiefs are calling for a meeting with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), in a bid to cut the large number of stress-related sick days taken by UK police officers.

1 February 2006 - [House of Lords Decision on UK Overseas Worker](#)

The House of Lords have made a groundbreaking decision following an unfair dismissal case of a UK overseas worker.

Former security officer, Mr. Stephen Lawson, claimed his 64 hour weekly work load meant "his health and safety was put in peril" whilst employed by a support services company, Serco, in Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. This resulted in him being forced to resign, claiming constructive dismissal.

30 January 2006 - [Research Shows Direct Link Between Work Stress and Ill-Health](#)

Researchers from University College London, conducted a 14 year long study into the effects of work-related stress and the "metabolic syndrome" and have found evidence of a direct link between stress in the workplace and ill-health.

30 January 2006 - [Top Directors' Scare Tactics on Scottish Homicide Bill](#)

David Watt, a top Director and Head of the Institute of Directors (IoD), has claimed in a statement, that a Corporate Homicide Bill in Scotland would deter business enterprises from setting up businesses in Scotland, or indeed would drive successful businesses to move to other countries.

27 January 2006 - [Shocking Results of Gangmasters Audit](#)

A new audit on gangmasters who supply farming and food industries within the UK with casual labour, has produced shocking results.

The audit, conducted for the Temporary Labour Working Group, is the most detailed study of employment practices of gangmasters yet. Just over 200 gangmasters were inspected, of which 164 have to date been processed

27 January 2006 - [HSE February Watch Your Step Campaign](#)

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Inspectors will commence their Nationwide "Watch Your Step" campaign, similar to the campaign launched in October 2005, where once again they will be visiting construction sites in a bid to reduce slips and trips within the industry.



[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson
2. Health and Safety - Display Screen Equipment by Adams Burt (H&S) Ltd
3. Lifting and Handling Techniques
4. Manual Handling by Adams Burt (H&S) Ltd
5. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
6. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate
7. Management Style Paper 1 Questions by HSfB
8. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
9. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
10. Risk Assessment by Nick Higginson

[Stats Feb – so far](#)

Av'g Daily Visits – 582

Max Daily Visits – 812

Visits – 2,912

Bandwidth – 2,000 MB

Total Visits – **301,314**

Forum Members – 544

News Subscribers – 432



[HCMB Access Consultancy](#)

More News

- 26 January 2006 - [HSE Webpage on Noise and Vibration Roadshows](#)
- 26 January 2006 - [DRC Poll Reveals Low Understanding of DED](#)
- 26 January 2006 - [Fleet Managers Give Green Light to Health and Safety Reports](#)
- 24 January 2006 - [Latest HSE Guidance Consultations and Research](#)
- 23 January 2006 - [Company Owner Receives Custodial Sentence for WAH Fatality](#)

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.

Site Meeting

The building is all completed and awaiting hand over, before hand over the client wants some poor and incomplete work finished (snagging). A meeting is arranged between client, main contractor and a sub contractor. Site agent, planning supervisor and site safety manager are all in attendance.

A tour is planned of the building to look at relevant defects starting on ground floor. The clients rep points out badly fitting window frames, the site agent makes some notes and the sub contractor goes to the window and shouts

"Green side up"

They move to the first floor and the clients rep points out badly fitted and missing lights, the site agent makes some notes and the sub contractor goes to the window and shouts

"Green side up"

on the 2nd floor more problems are highlighted, radiator leaking, exposed cables, waste and broken window frame, the site agent makes some notes and the sub contractor goes to the window and shouts

"Green side up"

This is too much. The safety manager has to ask. So he says, "Every time you are told a defect tell, you write it down, but then the subbie yells out the window

'Green side up.' What on earth does that mean?"

The sub contractor shakes his head and says, "I have four blokes laying turf around the building."



Blocked fire exit and poor access to fire extinguisher in this toy shop.

Offers

You can use this space to advertise your services, courses, special offers or anything you like relating to health, safety or environmental issues.

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

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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.

Be smart online: stay safe offline

The [Thinkuknow](#) website has relaunched as part of a child online safety campaign. The website offers young people advice about how to stay safe while using the internet. It encourages children to think carefully about who they might be talking to online and not to put themselves into danger offline.

The site offers guidance on how to use instant messaging; internet gaming and blogging. The website also warns anyone thinking about meeting up in person with an online friend to always go accompanied, ideally by an adult; let someone know where you are going; and meet in a public place.

www.internetsafetyzone.co.uk

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"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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