

We hope this issue finds you safe and well

Due to the amazing support from you and through an amazing twist of fate, HSfB will now be run full-time by its creator – John Johnston. Not only that, HSfB has also provided John the opportunity of setting up a new consultancy venture, which means that even more time can be devoted to improving HSfB's services to you. We are always seeking improvements and always welcome feedback you have to help us reach our goals of making sure people are safe at work.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for making HSfB the way it is today, and for the amazing opportunities you have created. **THANK YOU!**

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

Hospital Equipment and Supplies

Clinical wastes are notoriously variable in composition. They comprise potentially infectious used swabs and dressings, syringes and needles, blades and other "sharps", laboratory and pharmaceutical wastes, and many sanitary wastes. Disposal is a complex undertaking, and is inevitably costly. The complexity of regulations governing disposal present can be overwhelming, while the risks to health & safety, hospital hygiene, and to infection control present an often profound challenge.

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Site News Including New Downloads

- Three new items added to the downloads page and one updated - **HAVS Levels Database (updated)** by Mark Sutton; **Excavation** by Nick Higginson; **CR NEBOSH Notes** by Carl Royston; and **Flowcharts - legislative processes & TU influence** by Helen PJ

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates – [More Updates on Page Four](#)

- **The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2006**
- **Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations 2005 (SI 2005 No 50)**
- **The Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006**
- **The Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

Legislation News

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30 April 2006 - **Noise and Vibration Road Shows 2006**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the EEF - the manufacturers' organisation, are running four more roadshows on Noise and Vibration that will give advice for employers on the recent changes in EU regulations. The new regulations for the control of risks from vibration at work came into force in Great Britain last July (2005) and more recently for the control of noise (6 April 2006).

30 April 2006 - **HSE Update on Outbreak of Lung Disease at Powertrain**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently given an update of its investigation into the outbreak of occupational lung disease at the Powertrain Limited plant in Longbridge, Birmingham. The HSE's investigation began in March 2004 at the request of the Birmingham Chest Clinic (BCC).

29 April 2006 - **Improving worker involvement - Improving health and safety**

The Health and Safety Commission (HSC) have recently issued a consultation document entitled Improving worker involvement - Improving health and safety, which seeks views on how to encourage, improve and increase worker involvement in health and safety risk management.

The consultation suggests that there are three pillars to the strategy to increase workers' participation in managing health and safety, which are: legislation, guidance and encouragement.

29 April 2006 - **Bhopal: HUGE Victory!**

On the night of 3 December 1984, a Union Carbide plant (now owned by The Dow Chemical Company) in the city of Bhopal, India began leaking large amounts of the deadly gas methyl isocyanate (MIC). None of the six safety systems designed to contain such a leak were operational, which allowed the gas to spread throughout the city of Bhopal. Half a million people were exposed to the gas and 20,000 have died to date as a result of their exposure. More than 120,000 people still suffer from the effects of the accident and subsequent pollution at the plant site.

25 April 2006 - **May Day - Say 'Yes' to Workers' Rights**

The Trades Union Congress (TUC) and the London May Day Organising Committee have jointly organised a march for modern workplaces and a Trade Union Freedom Bill, which aims for workplace justice and minimum rights for all. The march entitled - Free Unions! Free Rights!, will take place in London and will set off from Clerkenwell Green at 1.00pm. The rally will take place at Trafalgar Square at 2.30pm on Monday 1 May (May Day).

21 April 2006 - **Latest HSE Leaflets and Offshore Statistics**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided leaflets containing guidance and advice for those within the woodland and forestry industry.

The content of the leaflets, in pdf format, although not compulsory, contain good practice guidance on fire-fighting, de-bogging and safe working practice guidance, when using firewood processors.

Recently published, is the full offshore health and safety statistics for 2004/05, which can be accessed by clicking the link above.

[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson
2. HAVS Levels Database by Mark Sutton
3. Crane Lifting Plan Method Statement and Risk Assessment by Mark Sutton
4. Toolbox Talks by Otto
5. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
6. CR NEBOSH Notes by Carl Royston
7. Management Style Questions – Paper 1 by HSfB
8. Basic Principles of Electrical Safety
9. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
10. Lifting and Handling Techniques

[Stats for April](#)

Av'g Daily Visits – 767
Max Daily Visits – 1,061
Visits – 26,847
Bandwidth – 15,920MB
Total Visits – 431,233
Forum Members – 718
News Subscribers – 551

More News

- [The Disability Discrimination Code of Practice \(Supplement to Part 3 Code of Practice\) \(Provision and Use of Transport Vehicles\) \(Appointed Day\) Order 2006](#)
- [The Disability Discrimination \(Guidance on the Definition of Disability\) Appointed Day Order 2006](#)
- [The Disability Discrimination \(Guidance on the Definition of Disability\) Revocation Order 2006](#)
- [The Fire and Rescue Services \(National Framework\) \(England\) Order 2006](#)

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. These jokes should be taken as light hearted fun, no more, no less.

A small collection of true (you decide) stories

Film - A company decided to show a very graphic film to emphasise the need for using safety goggles. Unfortunately it was so so gory that 25 people suffered minor injuries in the rush to get out of the training room, 13 fainted and one needed seven stitches to his head after falling off a chair.

Bus - A bus carrying five passengers was hit by a car in St. Louis, but by the time police arrived on the scene, fourteen pedestrians had boarded the bus and had begun to complain of whiplash injuries and back pain.

Electric Shock - Two workmen were digging foundations when one of them started shouting and jumping about. The other one thought his partner had hit an underground power cable and was being electrocuted so following good h&s practice used a shovel to separate him from the electricity. Luckily for the first worker he wasn't getting an electric shock but was panicking after a wasp had flown up his trousers (well wouldn't you panic). Luckily he didn't get stung but the second worker hit him so hard with the shovel that his shoulder was dislocated.

Dentist - The cap of a man's tooth fell out so he phoned the dentist to ask if it could be replaced.

"Yes," said the dentist, "but it will cost you £75."

"No way," said the man and went off to buy a 50p tube of superglue and stuck the cap back carefully. He woke up in hospital. Superglue contains a cyanide chemical.



Fire officers workstation.



enricoSmog

If you do not know how to make reasonable adjustments and you are called upon to do so - you may risk costing your employer a lot of money and adverse publicity.

There are numerous cases that make it clear that the employer must make every effort to make workplace adjustments but too many employers who when required to do so, run around like headless chickens.

This need not be the case. The course book '[How to undertake personal risk assessments and make reasonable adjustments for disabled workers](#)' will show you where to start the assessment, the stages, and provide many examples (over 131 pages of examples in the handbook) of what to do, it will also concentrate on the parts where most people fall down and then fall foul of the law.

Handbook

[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....

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[Phoenix Health and Safety Services - www.phoenixhealthandsafetyconsultancy.co.uk](http://www.phoenixhealthandsafetyconsultancy.co.uk)

Unlike many other consultancies, the services offered by Phoenix Health & Safety are totally client focussed. We will not ask for large sums of money and only see you once a year, nor will we leave you to complete large amounts of unnecessary paperwork. We are totally focussed on the needs of our clients and will do as little or as much as you want us to. We pride ourselves on our professional and practical approach.



[Environment Agency, World Environment Day 2006 - www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed/](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed/)

This webpage gives details of the Environment Agency's World Environment Day campaign, **Promise the Earth**. It encourages people to make promises to help save the planet. Promises can include: promises to save water; do a green project; or reduce carbon emissions.



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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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