

We hope this issue finds you safe and well

Expo week – sore feet, weighed down with freebies, dishing out business cards, lots of laughs, excellent displays and presentations, one or two drinks...it all added up to a great day for HSfB. We managed to meet up with some of our discussion forum members which was great to put a face to a name, and hopefully next year we can meet up with even more of you. We left Birmingham safe in the knowledge that we had made some new friends.

Hopefully if you were lucky enough to go along, you had half as good a time as we did. Of course, we threw in some work while we were there!

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

- Three new items added to the downloads page and one updated - **HAVS Levels Database (updated)** by Mark Sutton; **Mobile phone in car flowchart** by Gary Stanley; and **InspectionForm** by Bernard Elgar

Site News

Regulation and Consultation Updates

- **The Gangmasters (Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**
- **Proposals for the Biocidal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2006**
- **The Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006**

Legislation News

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15 May 2006 - [HSE Consults on New Gas Safety Registration Body](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has begun a consultation exercise and is actively consulting key stakeholders following an application from The National Association of Professional Inspectors and Testers (NAPIT) to set up a new gas safety registration body.

13 May 2006 - [HSE Campaign - Are You Height Aware?](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) work at height campaign will take place during May and June 2006 and is entitled - Are you height aware? The aim of the free events are to help people identify when they are working at height, where they may be at risk of falling, and also has aims to reduce the number of work-related fatal and major injuries caused by falls from height by 2008.

13 May 2006 - [HSC Meets New Local Government Panel](#)

The Health and Safety Commission (HSC) has recently met the newly established Local Government Panel (LGP) made up of elected members from across England, Scotland and Wales.

The new forum will carry on from last year's review of the liaison and governance arrangements between HSC/E and LAs. It will promote a strategic dialogue on local, central and devolved government issues that impact on health and safety regulatory functions, and it will also review the effectiveness and performance of the existing partnership between the enforcing authorities, namely the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and local authorities (LAs).

9 May 2006 - [Call for Australian-Style Safety Rep PIN](#)

Unions at USDAW's Annual Conference in Blackpool this year have called for Britain's union safety representatives to be given more power, by introducing a similar system to the Australian-style Provisional Improvement Notice (PIN) system to the UK.

The Australian PIN gives safety representatives the power to issue legally-binding notices where illegal dangerous work is breaching health and safety laws.

6 May 2006 - [HSE to Prosecute British Nuclear Group Sellafield](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are to bring criminal proceedings against British Nuclear Group Sellafield Ltd (BNGSL) in connection with a leakage incident at the Sellafield reprocessing site. The HSE were notified of the leak of radioactive liquor inside a heavily shielded facility at the Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (THORP) on 20 April 2005. The liquor leaked into a stainless steel-lined cell with 1.5m thick concrete walls and there is no current evidence of any harm to workers or the public. The HSE's Nuclear Installations Inspectorate carried out a detailed investigation.

[Top 10 Downloads](#)

1. CR NEBOSH Notes by Carl Royston
2. HAVS Levels Database by Mark Sutton
3. NEBOSH Certificate Fire Safety by Terry Robson
4. Mock Practical Observation Sheets
5. Mock Practical Report
6. COLDROP'S EXAMPLE PRACTICAL EXAM - INSPECTION REPORT
7. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
8. Toolbox Talks by Otto
9. The Jane Riley Revision Pack
10. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate by HSfB

[Stats for May \(so far\)](#)

Av'g Daily Visits – 757
Max Daily Visits – 1,054
Visits – 11,359
Bandwidth – 8,971MB
Total Visits – 469,439
Forum Members – 751
News Subscribers – 570

Nut Vs Wood Turning

HSfB:

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

**Coldrops
Health and Safety
Site**

More News

➤ 6 May 2006 - RNID Survey Highlights Hearing Discrimination

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) recently carried out a survey to mark the start of Deaf Awareness Week, which ran from 1st - 7th May 2006. The survey showed that only 63% of deaf and hard of hearing people of working age are in employment, compared to 75% of the national work force. The RNID is urging employers to raise awareness of the different types of deafness and the different forms of communication used, such as sign language and lip reading. The RNID also urges employers to take steps towards creating more accessible workplaces.

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 jokes this week

Bonus - Our company offers a bonus award for employee ideas that improve safety, quality or performance. A co-worker noticed there was a power switch suspended 16 feet over our machinery. He suggested that a chain be attached to the switch, allowing it to be pulled for quick shut-off in an emergency.

The suggestion went through channels and was rejected. One reason given was that "the chain might be pushed up one day, accidentally turning the power switch on."

Road map - Q: How do you drive a Safety Officer completely insane?

A: Tie him to a chair, stand in front of him, and fold up a road map the wrong way.

Phonetic Alphabets - While working as a health and safety officer, I arrived at an accident scene, and the safety manager arrived just behind me. As I parked the car, I heard a security guard on the intercom using the radio phonetic alphabet to alert the site manager.

"Be aware that the Hotel Alpha Sierra Oscar has arrived," he said.

I approached the security guard, looked him in the eye and said,

"You might be surprised to know that some of the Hotel Alpha Sierra Oscar's can Sierra Papa Echo Lima Lima."



"North Wales, The fridges are in an open area beside a railway line next to a children's playground and about 100 yards from a junior school..." [More...](#)



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....

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.

[MCA Consultancy – www.mcaconsultancy.co.uk](http://www.mcaconsultancy.co.uk)

At MCA Consultancy, we are driven by these simple facts: Every single person has the right to be safe and healthy at work; Every single person has the right not to be discriminated against at work due to any physical or mental impairments; Every single person has the right to have access to all services provided by any organisation regardless of any barriers that may be present. Our philosophy is quite simple: **Nothing is impossible!**



[Safeguard Safety Cartoons - www.safeguard.co.nz](http://www.safeguard.co.nz)

Health & safety is a serious subject, which perhaps makes the judicious use of levity all the more appreciated. We present here a selection of Safetyman cartoons which have appeared over the years in Safeguard. Each strip is in the form of a PDF file of around 140K size. The cartoons may have a place within your in-house safety newsletter or training material. If so, by all means make use them as a resource.



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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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