

## We hope this issue finds you safe and well

As we approach the 500,000 visitors to the site milestone, the site is undergoing some major changes. A new site is currently being designed which will make the pages load faster, look cleaner, more user-friendly and will be fully accessible to allow everybody to view our pages in a variety of formats, including screen readers and the use of keys as well as a mouse.

Preparations for the site audit are also now complete, so if you have your name down as a volunteer to help with this huge task, you will be receiving an email with instructions on how to proceed shortly. If you would like to volunteer, please visit the following and register your interest: <http://www.healthandsafetytips.co.uk/forums/viewtopic.php?t=6991> *Thank you!*

## 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](mailto:hsfb@healthandsafetytips.co.uk)

### Your Articles

#### Site News Including New Downloads

- Three new items added to the downloads page - **Safety Signs** by DannyBhoy; **NIOSH Chemical Pocket Guide** by Amjad Ata; and **The DDA - Are You Aware?** by John Johnston

### Site News

#### Regulation and Consultation Updates

- **The Ceramic Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2006**
- **Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000**

### Legislation News

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### 25 May 2006 - [Take Part in GLA Public Consultation](#)

A Public Consultation has been launched by the Gangmasters Licensing Authority (GLA), asking views of anyone involved in the shellfish industry and other interested parties what standards need to be addressed to meet safer working conditions.

Gangmasters can apply for a "shellfish gathering" license from 1 October 2006, allowing a 6 month changover period, prior to implementation of the new scheme in April 2007, when holding a license becomes mandatory.

### 23 May 2006 - [ILO Adopts New National Framework Code for Coalmines](#)

Following the International Labour Organisation's (ILO's) six day meeting in Geneva on May 8 -13 this year, attended by 24 Government experts, they have chosen to adopt a new Code of Practice on the safety and health for underground coalmines.

### 21 May 2006 - [DDA Campaign Aims to Wise up Shropshire Businesses](#)

An "Adjusting for Better Business" Campaign has been launched in Shropshire, aiming at helping local businesses understand their responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

Figures show that In the West Midlands, there are 993,458 people with a limiting long-term illness, which is 18.9% of the regional population. This compares with 18.2% for the whole of the UK.

### 21 May 2006 - [Employers - Don't Let the Bug be a Bug-Bear](#)

In light of the World Health Organisation's warning of the possibility of an influenza pandemic, the Government's Cabinet Office has issued a checklist for businesses to assist them in the preparation of reducing the risk to the health and safety of employees, as far as is "reasonably practicable" and in maintaining operations.

### 21 May 2006 - [European Week Safe Start Campaign for Young Workers](#)

In the build up to this years' European Week for Safety & Health at Work in October, focus has been put on the health and safety of young workers and employers are being asked to take part in the Safe Start Campaign.

### 19 May 2006 - [HSE Leaflet - Ladders and Stepladders](#)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has issued new guidance to help employers: know when to use a ladder; decide how to go about selecting the right sort of ladder for the particular job; understand how to use it; know how to look after it and take sensible safety precautions.

The leaflet can be downloaded from the HSE's website here: [Safe Use of Ladders and Stepladders: An employers' guide](#)

Further leaflets on falls from height can be found here: [HSE - PUBLICATIONS: Free Leaflets - Falls from Height](#)

### [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. Toolbox Talks by Otto
8. Inspection Form by Bernard Elgar
9. Safety Induction by Malcolm Strong
10. Acts and Regulations to Remember for NEBOSH Certificate by HSfB

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

Av'g Daily Visits – 803

Max Daily Visits – 1,115

Visits – 27,131

Bandwidth – 27,371MB

Total Visits – 496,570

Forum Members – 779

News Subscribers – 582

**Not 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

- 19 May 2006 - **United Kingdom Fire Statistics 2004**
- 18 May 2006 - **HSE Report Shows Stress in the Workplace Still of Concern**
- 17 May 2006 - **HSE Advice on Gas Analysis of Diving Cylinders**
- 17 May 2006 - **Drought Prompts HSE Advice to Window Cleaners**

Due to some areas within the UK experiencing water restrictions and hosepipe bans, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), concerned over the number of window cleaners who may have to revert to bucket and ladder cleaning, have issued advice and guidance on the need to be vigilant over risk assessments when working at height.

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

With thanks to Stoker at [Safetyphoto](http://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.

### Phrases you wish you could say at work:

1. Ahhh...I see the stupid fairy has visited us again...
2. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
3. How about never? Is never good for you?
4. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public.
5. I'm really easy to get along with once you people learn to worship me.
6. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter.
7. I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message...
8. I don't work here. I'm a consultant.
9. It sounds like English, but I can't understand a word you're saying.
10. I can see your point, but I still think you're full of it.
11. I like you. You remind me of when I was young and stupid.
12. You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
13. I have plenty of talent and vision. I just don't care.
14. I'm already visualizing the duct tape over your mouth.
15. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
16. 16. Thank you. We're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
17. 17. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
18. 18. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental.
19. 19. What am I? Flypaper for freaks!?
20. 20. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
21. 21. It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of Karma to burnoff.
22. 22. Yes, I am an agent of Satan, but my duties are largely ceremonial.
23. 23. No, my powers can only be used for good.
24. 24. You sound reasonable... Time to up the medication.
25. 25. Who me? I just wander from room to room



*Housekeeping – spot the hazards!*



## 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.*

## [Drvier Fatigue, Stay Awake, Stay Alive – www.drvierfatigue.co.uk](http://www.drvierfatigue.co.uk)

Knowing how risk factors effect any business, and having the knowledge of how to deal with the potential risk is vital to any business. Although any driver, at anytime could fall asleep at the wheel, it has been identified through research, that there are drivers that may be more at risk than others.

Our fatigue consultant can asses the risks to your business, and it's employees, and help you build effective policies to minimize driver fatigue within your company.

## [BioResearch - www.bioresearch.ac.uk](http://www.bioresearch.ac.uk)

A collection of documents on safety, aimed at schools and colleges carrying out practical teaching in the field of biotechnology. This collection includes general safety guidelines, practical work with DNA, and safety guidelines relating to microbiology and biotechnology, handling solid and liquid enzymes, and plant and animal tissue culture.



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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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