



Manufacturing Industries Stakeholder Network News (formerly Revitalising Network)

The Newsletter for Members of the Manufacturing industries Stakeholder Network

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Workshop- We are currently working through the implications of the comprehensive spending review and HSE has recently gone through a voluntary redundancy scheme, we are currently not running any workshops, when we have a clearer picture we will let you know.

Events

- 13th April – Health and Safety reform 2011 – A common sense approach
- 26th April – Healthy working lives – Managing safety and health
- 10th May – Healthy working lives – Sensible risk assessment

For further information and a full list of events visit the HSE website.

The Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OSHCR)

The Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register is now open to the public. OSHCR is a register of consultants who can offer general advice to UK businesses to help them manage health and safety risks. Businesses will be able to search the database for consultants according to (keywords), county, industry or topic, free of charge. OSHCR meets several of the aspirations for improved competence in external health and safety advice, outlined in the Government commissioned report on UK health and safety, Common Sense Common Safety. Many businesses develop in-house competent to manage their health and safety risks and do not need to use health and safety consultants. Other employers, however, may need to purchase additional help. Health and Safety consultants registered on OSHCR will have a status recognised by the participating bodies in the OSHCR scheme To find out more visit: <http://www.oshcr.org/>

Reforming Britain's health and safety regime to put common sense back

Health and safety regulation will focus on high hazard sites and tackling rogue employers and consultants, not tying up the vast majority of Britain's businesses in unnecessary red tape and regulations. A package of changes to Britain's health and safety system, recently announced by Employment Minister Chris Grayling, is designed to support the Government's growth agenda and to ease the regulatory burdens on business. To find out please visit:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/newsroom/press%2Dreleases/2011/mar%2D2011/>



CD 233 – Proposed amendment to the Reporting of Injuries; Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR)

This consultation sets out the amendment to regulations 3 (2) of the Reporting on Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) proposed by Lord Young in his report “Common Sense, Common Safety”. If adopted, the period of incapacitation after which an injury to a person at work must be reported to the enforcing authority, will change from over three to over seven days. It seeks views on the proposal itself and on the impacts that it would have if it became

law. Responses should be sent to Ron Griffiths (HSE) by 29 April 2011 at:

Riddor2011@hse.gsi.gov.uk.

For further information please see: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd233.htm>

Health and Safety Made Simple

A new online resource has been launched for low risk, small and medium sized enterprises (SME's), providing simple guidance on how to manage health and safety and show them what they need to do to achieve a basic level of compliance. ‘Health and Safety Made Simple’ is a concise and easy to navigate website designed specifically for low-risk SMEs, to reduce the burdens placed on them, in line with the recommendations in the Government’s review into Health and Safety, ‘Common Sense, Common Safety’. To find out more visit: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/>

Case Studies – Workplace Transport safety

HSE has put together a variety of case studies to help improve workplace transport safety. To find out more see: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/sitesafe/index.htm>

Receive the latest information via a Waste and Recycling e-Bulletin

Receive the latest news on Waste and recycling from HSE by subscribing to this free service. These e-bulletin are a quick and easy way of finding out really useful information for the industry.

If you would like to subscribe see: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/waste/index.htm>, and click on **Subscribe** on the left hand side.

Receive the latest information via a Woodworking e-Bulletin

To subscribe to the Woodworking e-Bulletin visit: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/woodworking> and click on **Subscribe** on the left hand side.

New Wood Dust Exposure Video

A wood dust exposure video has been added to HSE’s Woodworking Website that demonstrates the high exposures you can get sweeping up, and blowing down, compared to using a vacuum cleaner with HEPQ filters. For more info see: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/woodworking/wood-dust-exposure.htm>

STEP – feedback survey

HSE is reviewing its Slips and Trips E-Learning Package (STEP) and they would like your views. STEP is an eLearning package developed by HSE, providing slips and trips guidance through interactive learning. The survey will take 5 minutes to complete and your feedback will help us make improvements. The information you supply is anonymous and securely used by HSE. To take part in the survey please visit:

<http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/connect.ti/stepfeedback/view?objectId=281219>



Dutch firm fined after Essex worker's arm had to be amputated

An international waste recycling firm was fined £60,000 after a worker lost part of his arm in an industrial incident in Basildon.

The court heard that the employee was picking plastic off a recycling line which handled old computer monitors and television sets. A pulverising machine smashed the screens into smaller parts before operators removed materials from the conveyor. The employee bent down to clear some wire from the ground when his glove became caught in an unguarded conveyor running underneath the one he was working on. He was trapped for approximately 45 minutes until emergency services freed him, but doctors could not save his arm and it was amputated between the elbow and shoulder. The company were fined £60,000 and ordered to pay costs of £22,000.

Heavy fine for warehouse fall

A Fife papermaking firm was fined £260,000 after a worker fell almost 50 feet through a fragile roof to his death. HSE found that the firm instructed the contractor to carry out the cleaning work, it failed to make sure the work was properly planned and organised, and did not control, monitor and review the way the work was taking place. The company were fined £260,000.

Wigan firm sentenced after worker's finger severed

A Wigan manufacturer has been sentenced after a worker lost part of his index finger in a drilling machine. The employee was drilling holes through an iron bar when his right hand got caught in the drill. His index finger was severed below the first joint, his middle finger was badly cut, and his ring finger was dislocated. The court heard the drill took 30 seconds to stop after being switched off. It was still rotating as the worker reached to turn it on again after moving the iron bar to drill another hole. The glove on his right hand got caught in the rotating mechanism and pulled his hand into the machine. The company were fined £12,500 and ordered to pay costs of £1,703.

Cardiff company fined over failure to protect staff

A Cardiff-based steel company has been fined after a worker sustained serious burns while carrying out electrical maintenance work at its city centre plant. The employee was cleaning the conductors and circuit breaker units in a control room, Cardiff Crown Court heard that normally, when carrying out maintenance, the room would be securely isolated to prevent the re-energising of the conductors. However a Health and safety Executive (HSE) investigation found on this occasion, that had not happened and as a result, when the employee touched the conductors, he received a massive electric shock. He was hospitalised for several weeks and is yet to return to work. The company were fined £80,000 and ordered to pay £16,614 costs.

Global packaging firm fined after workers' fingers severed

A global packaging firm has been sentenced after a worker's fingers were severed. The court heard that the worker was clearing a blockage in a machine used to dry plastic beads when the incident happened. He had removed a discharge pipe to deal with the jam, when his hand came into contact with a 1.7-metre-long rotating screw, known as an auger. The HSE investigation found that workers were often at risk of being injured by the auger as they had to deal with blockages in the pipe once or twice a shift. The company was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay costs of £2,553.

Updated guidance in HSG261 and INDG434 on vehicle lifts



Health and safety in motor vehicle repair (HSG261)



Working safely under motor vehicles being repaired (INDG434)

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The lighter side.....

Genuine enquiries received by HSE Infoline...

- My employee is Dutch and has bad feet. Can he wear his clogs instead of safety boots, as they're uncomfortable for him?
- I was in Scotland for five weeks and shopped at Tesco. I fell in love with your ham and beef paste in jars. Is there any way you could send me a case? Thank you for your time.
- If we accept that professional football is now a business, how is it that club owners/managers fail to 'create a safe place of work'? The workplace is the pitch, the employees are the home team and the other players are visitors. I don't know of any other workplace where spitting, swearing, intimidation and aggressive/dangerous physical contact would be encouraged by the management. And why is nothing done about players mentally/physically intimidating the referee, who is also a visitor to the club's ground? Surely it's about time your local HSE inspectors went to typical professional games and started to issue improvement notices followed by closure notices, if necessary, as would be the case in any other business place of work?

Joining the Network

- **Manufacturing Industries Stakeholder Network**

The Network consists of Trade Associations, Employer Association, Trade Unions, HSE representation and a limited number of key employers across manufacturing industries.

The Network exists to promote the sharing of ideas and good practice; hence meetings are informal with the emphasis on participation.

- **Web Community**

This web based electronic community supports the Manufacturing Industries Stakeholder Network and is populated with presentations from the workshops and other material demonstrating good practice, which has been donated by members for others to share. This is a private site and can only be accessed by invitation.

If you know of any colleagues or contacts in your industry that would benefit from joining the Network then please forward this newsletter on by way of introduction or if you would like to join, please e-mail me, lisa.weston@hse.gsi.gov.uk