

Health & Safety Conference 2011

Thursday 13 October 2011



The East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RJ

The East Midlands Regional Committee are pleased to invite you to the eagerly anticipated 2011 Health & Safety Conference. Building on the successes from previous years, we ensure our Unite representatives will continue to enjoy and benefit from this conference now and in the future.

Adrian Axtell, East Midlands Regional Secretary

Government Cuts

How will Government cuts impact on the world of health and safety? The potential fallout looks devastating; serious and devastating consequences to workplace safety and health loom, putting the health and lives of our members and UK workers in serious danger. What is the trade union view, what are we doing about it? Get the latest from the TUC on this very current threat.

Prostate Cancer

Your Region has requested Unite to campaign on this very serious issue which affects thousands of men and their families. Men and their partners need to be more aware. Many die needlessly; don't become a statistic find out the facts. Hear what your Union is doing to help alleviate the needless devastation caused by this horrific disease.

1. Behavioural Health & Safety

This has the potential to undermine good health and safety management, it's a growing menace. Have your say about how this impacts in your workplace. Unite is all for incorporating human factors into the workplace, however some behavioural safety programmes are used to simply lay the blame on the worker.

Workshops

2. Dangerous Substances Explosive Atmospheres "Flash Bang Wallop"

There are severe risks associated with handling any hazardous or flammable substance, but very few are really aware that, even the smallest amount can cause devastating consequences. Seemingly harmless substances even found in the home can create a huge danger. This lively and thoroughly entertaining experimental lecture uses 16 graphic and very interactive demonstrations to show the devastating results of incorrect handling and storage.

3. Health & Safety Legal/Employment Issues

Where do safety representatives stand when advising to stop the job? In what circumstances can employees stop work for health and safety reasons and not be sacked? Are representatives able to use information gathered from an accident investigation for compensation purposes and just hand it over to union solicitors? Are there health and safety related legal and employment issues that bother you? Have your say and find out more, be safe be secure.

4. Stress

This is at the top of the hazard list in today's modern workplace and a major cause of absenteeism but is it being managed properly? HSE's stress management standards have been out for many years, is it time for stronger enforcement action or even some laws to back up what is potentially excellent guidance? Are compensation claims acting as a deterrent or are employers simply getting away with it? Have your say.

5. Alcohol & Drug Awareness/Medical Testing in the Workplace

Do companies have the right policies in place for these issues; give your verdict on this. Is there enough information out there on the impact alcohol and drugs have in the workplace? What are the facts, how long do these substances remain in the body, what are the limits? Are companies allowed to carry out medical tests when they feel like it?

6. Health Issues

Cervical cancer, breast cancer, cancer of the liver, prostate cancer, all potentially fatal and serious illnesses. Diseases that we have taken for granted as being just a part of life. Is there a workplace link? The death toll each year in the UK caused by work related disease is estimated at somewhere between 20,000 and 50,000. What can unions and representatives do to help prevent this, where can you get information or help if you or your family are affected?

The Political View

During the last Tory government's term of office the safety and health of the nation lay in the hands of Europe. Many pieces of health and safety legislation, including the very notable and popular six pack, were forced through because of European directives. What is the position now with the Tories cutting our workplace protection to the bone, how can our MPs and MEPs help, can EU directives save the day this time around?

Question and Answer Panel

Your opportunity to put forward questions and views to a panel consisting of representatives from Unite, TUC, Solicitors, Hazards Campaign, and other specialist experts.

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Registration Form



To apply please complete all fields below in BLOCK CAPITALS in ink.

Membership Number:	
Unite Regional Officer:	

Title:		First Name:		Surname:	
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Home Address:					
Post Code:		Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
Email Address:					

Employer Name & Address:					
Post Code:		Telephone No:		Ext/Dept:	

Please **complete every box** in order of preference (1-6) of which workshop you would like to attend. Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come - first served basis'.

1. Behavioural Health & Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Dangerous Substances Explosive Atmospheres "Flash Bang Wallop"	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Health & Safety Legal/Employment Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Stress	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Alcohol & Drug Awareness/Medical Testing in the Workplace	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lunch & refreshments will be provided. Please state any special dietary requirements:	
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Will your employer grant you paid release to attend the conference? If No, please contact your Unite Regional Officer.	Yes	No
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Please send or fax your completed form by **Thursday 22 September 2011** to:

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