



Health and Safety Email Update 5 August 2011

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Unite website: health and safety

Link to Unite health and safety resources at:
[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/
health_and_safety_resources.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources.aspx)

Link to Unite health and safety news pages
These are constantly updated
[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/
health_and_safety_news.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_news.aspx)

Unite H&S e-bulletins archive
[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/
health_and_safety_resources.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources.aspx)

The links to resources from this newsletter are for information only.
Unite is not responsible for external documents and internet sites.

Unite News

Unite publishes new Health and Safety Guide

Supplies have been sent to all regional offices, and the guide is also downloadable from the Unite website at

http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/safety_reps_and_inspections.aspx

Unite response to the Lofstedt review of health and safety regulations

Thanks to all members who sent in comments – many of which have been incorporated directly into the text of the Unite response.

http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/unite_consultation_responses.aspx

Latest Unite Bargaining Brief is attached.

Calling all Black and Asian women in Unite to join the Unite network

Give us your views

Receive a regular newsletter

Contribute to our work on race and gender

Hear about and be involved in union events

Just email: unitebwn@unitetheunion.org to join up

Maximum Working Temperature campaign

Your help needed! Unite is continuing to campaign for a maximum working temperature. Please would you send any information and examples of where members are suffering adverse effects from working in high temperatures to assist in this campaign.

TUC news

The Union Effect - updated

In 2004 the TUC produced a report called "The Union Effect" that showed the benefits that trade union health and safety representatives have in the workplace. This was a mixture of a review of peer-reviewed research and case studies. This has been updated and is available in both pdf and html format on the TUC website.

https://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/45/union_effect_2011.pdf

<http://www.tuc.org.uk/theunioneffect>

Part-time work: Your Rights

This guide is intended to provide a brief introduction to equal treatment rights for part-time workers. It also contains information about other basic rights which part-time workers are entitled to in the workplace.

<http://www.tuc.org.uk/workplace/tuc-19856-f0.cfm>

Focus on Transport

New safety guidance for bus and coach garages

<http://www.pteg.net/NR/rdonlyres/B19FDA09-0756-4554-A782-E549F9466A54/0/BusandCoachStationDesignGuide.pdf>

Department for Transport Road Safety Research Report

Fatigue Risk Management Systems: a review of the literature

<http://www2.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roadsafety/research/rsrr/theme3/literaturereview/pdf/rsrr110.pdf>

Brake research

One in eight drivers nodded off at the wheel in the past year, reveals charity

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<http://www.ciltuk.org.uk/pages/industry-news/article?BCA35E40-ECC3-46A2-B207-98DE7C5C4563>

For Information: Occupational Road Safety Guidance

EU-OSHA

EU-OSHA provides some excellent materials and resources on the safety of workers in the transport sector.

Examples include:

[OSH for road transport drivers](#)

[General publications](#)

[Factsheets on campaigning and managing risks to drivers](#)

RoSPA

The following RoSPA Guidance has been updated:

[Driving for Work: Mobile Phones](#)

All Driving for Work guides are available on the [RoSPA Website](#)
Links to the guidance are also on the [ORSA Resources webpage](#)

HSE Road Haulage pages www.hse.gov.uk/haulage

Department of Health strategy document on COPD and asthma

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/national-strategy-to-transform-respiratory-disease-care/>

The asthma chapter is chapter 6 - paragraph 6.18 deals with what employers can do for asthma and for those who are also interested in COPD,

There is also a section on Employment and COPD at para 4.16.

HSE News

HSE newsletter

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter-jul11.pdf>

HSE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PLAN OF WORK 2011/12

A summary of the HSE Construction Division's Plan of Work for 2011/12 has been published. It sets out what the construction industry can expect when HSE Inspectors visit sites.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/work-plan-2011-12.pdf>

Over the next 12 months, HSE Construction Division will be devoting more of it's time and effort to regulating smaller sites and businesses.

Are you a smaller builder?

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/areyou/builder.htm>

HSE's main operational activities will target the following sectors:

Small sites/projects

Refurbishment

Major clients/ projects

Asbestos (licensing and licensed work)

Five issues will be considered at all site visits. These are:

Work at height

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/workingatheight.htm>

Respiratory risks:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/healthtopics/respiratory.htm>

Asbestos risks:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/healthtopics/asbestos.htm>

Provision of welfare facilities:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/welfare.htm>

Good order:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/campaigns/fallstrips/goodorder.htm>

Asbestos

Working with asbestos: frequently asked questions
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/protect.htm>

Asbestos prosecutions

South Yorkshire firm fined for exposing workers to asbestos

Marks & Spencer and contractors guilty of safety failings

Risk of exposure to asbestos-containing materials during refurbishment

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/coi-se-1507.htm>

Work at Height

Roofer risks lives at Bolton takeaway

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/coi-nw-39morrisey.htm>

Paper industry

Worker's fingers severed by machine

St Helens paper manufacturer fined £30,000

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2011/coi-nw-01emboss.htm>

Agriculture

HSE: Farm Safety Awareness Days

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/diary.htm>

HSE: First Aid

Approved training organisations

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/approved-training.htm>

What is a first aider?

Information for first aiders and employers

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/first-aider.htm>

HSE videos

Safety practice in woodworking – a range of free videos on [HSE's Website](#):

[Woodworking – Safety practice videos](#)

HSE: RIDDOR and Infoline

Podcast – Changes to incident reporting and Infoline services

Offshore COSHH essentials

Health surveillance, PPE, RPE...

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/coshh/industry/offshore.htm>

Office for Nuclear Regulation - What's new

Latest news and updates to the ONR website

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/news/whatsnew.htm>

Essential reading for Unite Safety Reps

Hazards Magazine - subscribe now!!

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Risks: The TUC's weekly free online bulletin for safety reps and others.

To receive this bulletin every week, go to

www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/index.cfm?mins=242

HSE E bulletins and newsletter

For more information go to

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter.htm>