



## Health and Safety Email Update 5 September 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.

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### **Unite News**

#### **Construction campaign**

[http://www.unitetheunion.org/sectors/construction/unite\\_for\\_me\\_workers.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/sectors/construction/unite_for_me_workers.aspx)

**Bargaining Brief**  
Attached.

**New bullying poster**

See posters page at:

[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member\\_services/health\\_and\\_safety/health\\_and\\_safety\\_resources/unite\\_health\\_and\\_safety\\_poster.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/unite_health_and_safety_poster.aspx)

[Unite says 'No' to workplace dust](#)

Unite has worked closely with the TUC to produce new guidance to Unite members and other union members about dust in the workplace.

Unite and the TUC are calling for a review of dust exposure levels in line with recommendations from the trade union side of the Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances (ACTS).

The guidance shows that dust is one of the biggest workplace killers and several thousands of workers are dying as a result of dust exposure. Although much of that is because of inadequate enforcement of existing standards, a considerable number of deaths are a result of inadequate maximum exposure levels.

The new guide is available at <http://www.tuc.org.uk/workplace/tuc-19974-f0.pdf>

Unite Dust in the Workplace resource webpage at:

[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member\\_services/health\\_and\\_safety/health\\_and\\_safety\\_resources/dust\\_in\\_the\\_workplace.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/dust_in_the_workplace.aspx)

[Unite response to HSE Manufacturing Strategy](#)

Unite Press release with a link to the full response doc + HSE consultation draft at:

[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)

[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member\\_services/health\\_and\\_safety/health\\_and\\_safety\\_resources/unite\\_consultation\\_responses.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/unite_consultation_responses.aspx)

[Calling all women safety reps!](#)

New HSE/TUC/ORR leaflet

Gender H&S resources page :

[http://www.unitetheunion.org/member\\_services/health\\_and\\_safety/health\\_and\\_safety\\_resources/gender.aspx](http://www.unitetheunion.org/member_services/health_and_safety/health_and_safety_resources/gender.aspx)

Hazards resources: women safety reps

<http://www.hazards.org/women/index.htm>

[International unions](#)

[ITF no to violence campaign](#)

For the film see

<http://osha.europa.eu/en/news/int-itf-2018no-to-transport-violence2019-film>

## HSE news

Health and Safety Newsletter: [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/newsletter.htm)

### Falls from height web pages updated

Includes new FAQs looking at some of the common issues with working at height.

Visit HSE website for updated information and guidance on managing work at height risks: [www.hse.gov.uk/falls](http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls)

Safe transport of roll cages: This new HSE report is at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr862.pdf>

### New research report - bulk tipping containers

The new research report - Safety in the design, construction and use of bulk tipping containers (RR822) - provides information on the loading, transport and unloading of bulk materials in tipping containers. It identifies a pattern of failings in the industry across Europe, which has resulted in workers' lives being put at risk due to such matters as the failure of drivers to close and secure twist locks in the corner castings. The report identifies a number of areas for improvement, including proper design of twist locks and tipping equipment, specific training for operatives, proper maintenance and inspection of tipping equipment, and providing good information for use and maintenance. A copy of the full report is available at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr822.htm?ebul=vehicles/aug2011&cr=1>

### HSE have updated 4 Woodworking Information Sheets (WIS)

Safe Collection of Wood Waste: Prevention of fire and explosion

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/wis32.pdf>

Safe use of manually operated cross-cut sawing machines

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/wis36.pdf>

Horizontal beam and vertical panel saws

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/wis3.pdf>

Safe use of power-operated cross-cut saws

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/wis35.pdf>

## Asbestos

### Consultation on amendment to the Control of Asbestos Regulations

The consultative document and the online questionnaire are available at:  
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd237.htm>

#### Essential reading for Unite Safety Reps

##### **Hazards Magazine - subscribe now!!**

The only independent health and safety magazine written with union reps in mind, Hazards has won national and international awards for campaigning and for journalism. If you want hard facts, the latest stories and nitty-gritty advice for workplace action, it is the place to go.

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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](http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/index.cfm?mins=242)

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