



Summary of HSC/HSE News Releases from 5th May to 4th August 2005

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- 05/05/05** HSE successfully prosecutes Richard Taffs of Diventure Salcombe following an incident on August 6th 2002 when a diving instructor employed by Taffs suffered decompression sickness during a Diving Course at Hope Cove, Devon. He was fined £2,000 at Totnes Magistrates Court on Friday 15th April. HSE regards this as a general warning to all in this form of training.
- 05/05/05** HSE successfully prosecutes St. Georges Mental Health Trust following the death of a Nurse who was killed by a psychiatric patient on 17th June 2003. The Central Criminal Court in London fined the Trust £28,000 with £14,000 costs on 5th May 2005
- 09/05/05** HSE has granted exemptions to enable twelve heritage/charter train companies, and other operators of their Mark 1 rolling stock to continue to run stock without central door locking required under the Railway Safety Regulations 1999. However operators must have on-board supervision of passenger behaviour and door safety and a manual arrangement of secondary door locks.
- 10/05/05** HSE publishes revised Guidance "**Respiratory Protective Equipment at Work: A Practical Guide**" **HSG53** ISBN 0-7176-2904-X price £10-95 from HSE Books.
- 12/05/05** HSC's Paper and Board Industry Advisory Committee has launched a new strategy to secure further improvements in health and safety performance in the papermaking, corrugated packaging and recovered paper sectors over the next 3 years. "**Making a Difference**" is available from the Confederation of Paper Industries website at www.paper.org.uk/hands/pabiacc/pabiacc.htm
- 18/05/05** HSE's Head of Planning, Vic Coleman spoke at RoSPA's Safety and Health at Work Congress to enhance the message of sensible risk management in the health and safety debate.
- 18/05/05** HSE is continuing its national initiative to reduce musculoskeletal injuries and ill health in Mattress Manufacturing through partnership at two free workshops in June 2005.
- 18/05/05** HSE successfully prosecute Greater Manchester Waste Ltd. following an incident when a site agent was struck from behind by a wheeled loader causing him injuries lasting several months. The firm from Bolton were fined a total of £3,350 with costs of £2,068 at Trafford Magistrates Court.
- 19/05/05** HSE unveils a second series of case studies (10) that demonstrate the vital role that director leadership has to play in Health and Safety. See HSE's website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/corporateresponsibility/casestudies/>
- 19/05/05** HSE publishes "**Metalworking Fluids**" a new disease topic which aims to provide helpful and easy access to information in the metalworking industry. See www.hse.gov.uk/metalworking
- 20/05/05** HSE publish revised Guidance "**Preventing slips and trips in kitchens and food service**" for caterers. See HSE website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/case6.pdf>
- 20/05/05** HSE launches an agriculture e-mail bulletin to update farmers about the latest health and safety Visit HSE website <http://hse.gov.uk/agriculture/ebulletins.htm>
- 24/05/05** HSE successfully prosecutes Colas Ltd. of Crawley, W Sussex after a worker was burned to death while cleaning a tanker. The road contractor was fined £72,000 with £22,000 costs at Lincoln Crown Court on 23rd May 2005.
- 24/05/05** HSE successfully prosecute Boroughbury Garage Ltd of Peterborough following the collapse of a vehicle ramp in which a worker was almost crushed but escaped with cuts, abrasions and bad bruising to his stomach and ribs. The firm were fined £14,000 with £2,211 costs at Peterborough Magistrates Court on 19th May 2005. The worker received £5,000 compensation.
- 31/05/05** HSE successfully prosecute World's End Waste (Investments)Ltd of London following the death of a tipper truck driver at the firm's Wandsworth site on 1st June 2004. At the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey on 27th May 2005 the firm were fined £100,000 with £4,982 costs.

- 02/06/05 HSE launches its “**Better Backs**” against a background of 4.9 million lost days through work-related back conditions each year. See www.betterbacks.hse.gov.uk
- 06/06/05 HSE publishes new **electricity safety guidance for Quarries** on HSE’s website at: www.hse.gov.uk/quarries/electricity.htm
- 08/06/05 HSE urges safer systems for unpacking large sheets of glass following an incident when a man was struck and injured by several sheets of glass falling from a crate held on a metal stillage. View Glass and Glazing Federation website at a.bettac@britglass.co.uk
- 09/06/05 Ammonium Nitrate notifications to the HSE should now be sent as follows:-
1. Electronically to ANNIHHS.Notifications@hse.gsi.gov.uk
 2. In writing to HSE, Agriculture and Food Sector, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG
 3. By telephone on 02476 698350
 4. By Fax on 02476 696542.
- 13/05/06 HSE is appealing to waste management and recycling Industries to visit its “Better Backs” micro site at www.betterbacks.hse.gov.uk to get practical tips on how to avoid back problems.
- 13/06/05 HSC warn that the “**Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999**” will come into force on 30th June 2005. Visit HMSO website at <http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2005/20551088.htm>
- 14/06/05 HSE and EEF will be running jointly a series of noise and vibration roadshows across Great Britain in September and October - (London 3rd October).
- 16/06/05 HSE present “**Statement of Nuclear Incidents at Nuclear Installations: First Quarter 2005**”
Incident 05/1/1: Sellafield – on 13th February 2005 3 staff were contaminated whilst changing a thermocouple on Thorp Head End Dissolver vessel C. No statutory dose limits were exceeded.
- 21/06/05 HSC’s Rail Industry Advisory Committee launches its “**Railway Human Factors**” pages on HSE’s web site at www.hse.gov.uk?railways/liveissues/humanfactors/index.htm
- 27/06/05 HSE publishes a report on the Tower Crane Accident at Canada Square on 21st May 2000 in which 3 workers were killed. Full report on <http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/crane>
Summary on <http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/crane/overview.pdf>
- 27/06/05 HSE Construction Inspectors meet at 124 construction projects across Scotland and Northern England to discuss how design had improved risks and reported an improvement. Report can be viewed on <http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/designers/report05.pdf>
- 28/06/05 HSE with the local Working Well Together (WWT) group established a Mobile Unit at Plymouth, with Plymouth City Council support, to provide Health and Safety Training for Small Builders.
- 29/06/05 HSE warn that New Regulations come into force on July 6th 2005 in compliance with the Directive 2002/44 “The European Physical Agents (Vibration) Directive” dealing with the control of diseases caused by vibration from equipment, vehicles and machines.
- 29/06/05 HSE successfully prosecute ConocoPhillips Ltd. following two incidents, one at the Humber Refinery, South Killingholme, Lincs., when 170 tons of LPG was released and ignited (16/04/01); and the second at Immingham Pipeline Centre at Immingham Dock, when 16 tonnes of LPG leaked from a road tanker (27/09/01). At Grimsby Crown Court today they were fined a total of £895,000 with £218,854 costs.
- 30/06/05 HSE grants Decommissioning Consent to British Nuclear Group Sellafield for the project at Calder Hall. Report available on HSE website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/nuc23.pdf>
- 30/06/05 HSE publishes report “**The role and effectiveness of safety representatives in influencing Health and Safety**” See HSE’s website at: www.hse.gov.uk?research/rrhtm/rr363htm?hseid=DovL3d3dy5oc2UuZ292LnVrL3Jic2VhcmNoL3JyaHRtLzZmMS00MDAuaHRt
- 13/07/05 HSE organised a lunch at which Lord Hunt called for a common sense approach to Risk Management. Refer to discussion document on www.hse.gov.uk/riskdebate
- 14/07/05 HSE warn divers of the risks of using unsafe electrical equipment underwater during commercial fishing operations eg razor fish off Asrgyll and Bute in Scotland.
- 18/07/05 HSE publishes Research report RR362 “**Farmers, Farm Workers and Work Related Stress**” also on HSE’s website at www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr362.htm
- 19/07/05 HSE successfully prosecute Hall Hunter Partnership (Farming) Ltd. following the death of two employees after they became entangled between a rope and rotating shaft of tractor-mounted fleece winder machine which was unsuitable for ope winding. The firm were fined a total of £80,000 at Reading Crown Court on 14th July 2005.
- 19/07/05 HSE publishes “**Railway Safety 2004**” the annual Report. It is available on HSE’s website at www.hse.gov.uk/railways/statistics.htm
- 20/07/05 hse launches its Corporate Health and Safety Performance Indicator and a third round of case studies highlighting the vital role that Directors pay in health and safety. See HSE’s website.

- 21/07/05** HSE announce a press conference on 28th July 2005 at Globe Room, HSE, Rose Court, London where they will announce Britain's work-related fatality statistics.
- 25/07/05** HSE sign an agreement with the National Trust and Swindon Borough Council to work together on Health and Safety at Trust Premises.
- 27/07/05** HSE publishes a leaflet "**Working together to prevent sickness absence becoming job loss**" Practical advice for safety & trade union reps. See website: www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/web02.pdf
- 28/07/05** HSC publishes "**Statistics of Fatal Injuries 2004/2005**" Can be found on HSE's website at: www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/fatI0405.pdf
- 28/07/06** Bill Callaghan, HSC's Chair, reports that 220 workers were killed in 2004/05, 16 less than in the previous year, a welcome improvements but more needs to be done.
- 29/07/05** HSE announce that they have appointed a new Chief Executive – Geoffrey Podger – at present Executive Director of the European Safety Authority, commencing 28th November 2005.
- 29/07/05** HSE Statistics show Construction Industry deaths in 2004/05 were 72 compared to 71 the previous year. However the percentage has fallen due to increase in the number employed.
- 01/08/05** HSC publishes a Consultative Document outlining proposals to amend the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations 1999 (EIADR99) Can be obtained online at www.hse.gov.uk/consult/live.htm
- 04/08/05** HSE publishes research "**Level Crossings, summary of findings and key human factors issues**" ISBN 0-7176-6132-6 price £30 from HSE Books. Also on HSE's website at www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr359.htm

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1. The above News Releases are available on HSE website www.hse.gov.uk
2. HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2WA. Tel: 01787 881165 or Fax 01787 313995.
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