



## **The London Health and Safety Group** **Newsletter - October 2005**

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The Newsletter will also be available from the Downloads Page at our new website [www.londonhealthandsafetygroup.org](http://www.londonhealthandsafetygroup.org).

### **Your LHSG needs your help**

Please can you donate a small amount of time each month to be part of helping to shape your LHSG. If you can please contact the secretary on the above email. All help gratefully received.

Finally if you have outstanding subs please ensure you settle your account. The group can only operate through the subs you provide.

### The LHSG Funny



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## News

### [LHSG Website Downloads Page](#)

Please feel free to visit our downloads page with all the meeting minutes, presentations and more. Just Control – Click on the above title.

### “Watch Your Step - HSE Campaign”

How risky is your business? According to the HSE, slipping up at work is the most common cause of major injuries and can prove more costly than you think.

### [Watch Your Step Campaign](#)

### “Stress Awareness Day”

NSAD is an annual event organised by the International Stress Management Association UK (ISMA UK). The purpose of NSAD is to raise awareness of stress and ways to tackle it.

As part of this year’s NSAD on Wednesday 2nd November, HSE and ISMA are hosting a joint conference, ‘Making the Management Standards Work’. The conference will be held in central London and will be by invitation only due to space constraints. It will be a platform for discussing common problems and solutions as well as how to apply the Management Standards in organisations

### [Stress Awareness Day](#)

### “New Vibration at Work Guidance from HSE”

HSE has published a comprehensive guide on Hand-arm vibration (HAV). The guide, “Hand-arm vibration: Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005” gives advice on what needs to be done to reduce and control the risks of HAV under the Control of Vibration Work Act 2005.

The launch of the guide coincides with the first in a series of 15 noise and vibration roadshows, which started in Glasgow on 27 September. The new guide is aimed at employers, health and safety advisors, specialists and occupational health professionals. The final show is based in London on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### [Vibration at Work News](#)

### “Working Well Together Roadshow”

Stephen Williams, Chief Inspector of Construction, recently welcomed the construction industry’s Working Well Together (WWT) 2005 roadshow to a Bovis Lend Lease site at, 123 Bankside, SE1, an area undergoing redevelopment in central London.

### [Working Well Together News](#)

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### “Ladders Not Banned”

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) spoke on BBC’s Newsnight programme on the 9th September to dispel the myth that window cleaners can no longer use ladders because they are banned by the Work at Height Regulations (WAHR). Sensible risk management is the key to securing compliance with health and safety regulations, including the WAHR.

#### [Ladders Safety from the HSE](#)

### “HSE publishes revised PPE Guidance”

A revised version of guidance designed to help employers who supply and use personal protective equipment (PPE) at work meet their duties under the law has been published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The guidance, *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Work Regulations 1992 (L25)*, which was first published in 1992, has now been updated to reflect changes to the Regulations, developments in PPE and to clarify guidance queries commonly received by HSE.

#### [HSE revised PPE Guidance](#)

### “HSE publishes Inspector Pack for Work at Height Regulations”

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published the pack used to train HSE and Local Authority Inspectors in enforcing the Work at Height Regulations 2005 on its website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/downloads/>. Falls from height remain the biggest cause of death in the workplace. This material, together with guidance already available, will help health and safety professionals better advise employers on safe work at height.

#### [HSE issues Inspector Work at Height Pack](#)

### “New Warning to Car Fleet Bosses over Mobile Phone Use”

New figures on the use of mobile phones by drivers were a warning to all fleet bosses to ensure they had clear policies in place to manage the problem, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents said today.

A recent survey for the Department of Transport revealed that 1.5 per cent of car drivers and 2.4 per cent of lorry and van drivers were using hand-held mobile phones at the wheel.

#### [Mobile Phone use in fleet cars](#)



### “Sound Off’ for revised Noise Regulations”

What will the revised Noise Regulations mean to you and your workplace? Find out at ‘Sound Off – Noise reduction at work’ at Earls Court Conference Centre in London 11-12 October.

[Sound Off Conference](#)

### “Salary Survey for Safety Professionals”

JUST IN CASE YOU’RE NOT GETTING WHAT THE SURVEY SAYS YOU SHOULD BE!

[IOSH Salary Survey](#)

### “Safety Jobs at ROSPA – Principal People”

RoSPA has partnered with leading safety recruitment agency, Principal People, to bring you the pick of the top jobs in Occupational Health & Safety.

[ROSPA - Safety Vacancies](#)

### And Finally

Two gas company servicemen, a senior training supervisor and a young trainee, were out checking meters in a suburban neighbourhood. They parked their truck at the end of the alley and worked their way to the other end. At the last house, a woman looking out her kitchen window watched the two men as they checked her gas meter.

Finishing the meter check, the senior supervisor challenged his younger co-worker to a foot race down the alley back to the truck to prove that an older guy could outrun a younger one.

As they came running up to the truck, they realized the lady from that last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They stopped and asked her what was wrong.

Gasping for breath, she replied, "When I see two gas men running as hard as you two were, I figured I'd better run too!"