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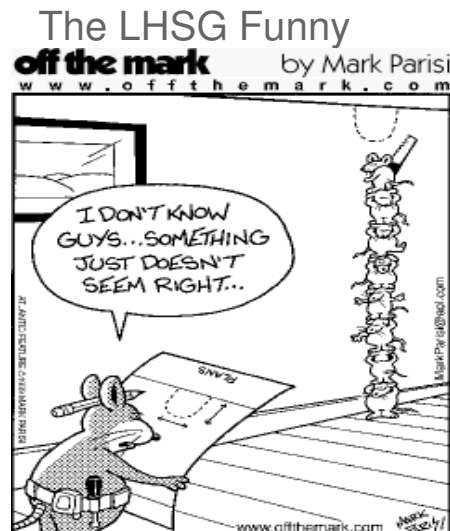
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Please can you donate a small amount of time each month to be part of helping to shape your LHSG? If you can, then please contact the Secretary@londonhealthandsafetygroup.org. All help gratefully received.

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New CDM ACOP arrives just in time

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“New Ladders Webpage from HSE”

On average 14 people a year die at work falling from ladders and nearly 1200 suffer major injuries. Ladders are the equipment in use when over a quarter of falls happen. Common causes of falls include; the user over-reaching, the user slipping from the rungs, and the ladder slipping and falling.

[Falls - Ladders Week](#)

“Ladders Week”

Ladders week will take place from 14-18 November 2005. The initiative includes a week of events when HSE inspectors will work with ladder users and their employers, look at the current use of ladders and suggest sensible measures, it is planned that a follow up will take place in May 2006 when HSE inspectors would give duty holders information to help them to ensure that work is carried out safely.

[Falls - Ladders week events](#)

“Stress Awareness Day”

On the day, HSE and ISMA will host an online conference.

About half a million people feel that stress is making them ill;

Up to 5 million people in the UK feel over stressed by their work;

12.8 million working days were lost last year

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.

[HSE - Stress: National Stress Awareness Day 2005](#)



“New Hand Arm Vibration Guidance published”

The HSE has finished publishing two new priced publications on the new regulations. The details are:

- L140: Hand-arm vibration: Control of Vibration at Work Regulations 2005 ISBN: 0717661253 due to be published Autumn 2005 (£13.95)

[HSE - HAVS and Whole Body Vibration](#)

Available from [HSE Books - Home](#).

Free pamphlets on HAVS can be found at [Vibration information sources](#).

“Offences and Penalties report”

The Offences and Penalties Report is an annual report on the enforcement action taken by HSE in the last year. It presents key statistics and links to the full enforcement database which shows the names of all those who have been served with an enforcement notice, or convicted of a health and safety offence.

[Offences and penalties report 2004 / 2005](#)

“Worker involvement and consultation”

The workers are the people most at risk of having accidents or experiencing ill health, and they also know the most about the jobs that they do. So they are in the best position to help managers develop safe systems of work that are effective in practice.

[HSE - Workers: Worker involvement and consultation](#)

“Best Practice – Work on Fragile Roof”

Working on a fragile roof is an extremely hazardous activity. Even a simple inspection is highly dangerous without adequate knowledge and planning. This is confirmed by the Health and Safety Executive’s (HSE’s) accident statistics. Many of these accidents happened because the people carrying out the work or the inspection were not competent to do so. Consequently, the work was carried out without the necessary planning or management and, often, without suitable equipment. The Advisory Committee for Roofwork has published a new Green Book for work on fragile roofs.

[The Green Book - Work on Fragile Roofs](#)



“ROSPA Safety Exchange”

RoSPA is offering safety professionals a more flexible way to gather all the information they need by attending one event and concentrating only on the issues that concern them.

The RoSPA Safety Awareness Exchange provides a fresh approach to learning about health safety by allowing individuals to decide their own programme from an exhaustive list of topics.

Sixteen discussion tables, early-bird briefings and workshops will be available for them to select from at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire, on Friday, December 2

[RoSPA : Press Release : Safety Exchange](#)

And Finally

SIX PHASES OF A PROJECT

- 1) Enthusiasm
- 2) Disillusionment
- 3) Panic
- 4) Search for the Guilty
- 5) Punishment of the Innocent
- 6) Praise & Honour to the Non-Participants