



Simply Safety Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of 'Simply Safety' for 2008; It has been an excellent year for us so far, with the acquisition of several major new clients and the roll-out of our open course programme at our new training facility.

As is typical, we have brought together a number of articles on current topics in health and safety, food safety and environmental management.



We would like to remind our clients in the construction sector of the requirement for a 'Site Waste Management Plan' (SWMP) with effect from April 2008. Despite previous advice and information provided it would seem that some have elected not to comply. We must remind you that allowing construction works to start (construction works, now includes site clearance) without an SWMP is an offence under the regulations.

We are of course happy to assist with the preparation of the document, however it is something that many of our clients have the capability to prepare in-house. Further information is available at <http://www.netregs-swmp.co.uk/>

Please contact us if you require assistance.



Myth: If a pupil is hurt, the teacher is likely to be sued

The main legal duties lie with the employer, not the teacher – or even the head teacher, unless they own the school and employ the staff.

The HSE do not have a single instance in the past five years of a teacher being personally sued for compensation.

Over the years a handful of teachers have been prosecuted following very serious incidents, but only where they failed to follow direct instructions and departed from common sense.

Changes to First Aid Training Requirements



From October 2009 the 4-day FAAW will be replaced by a 3-day FAAW course. Re-qualification will require a 2-day course every 3 years as it is now.

The Appointed Person qualification will be replaced with a new HSE approved 1-day course called the Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) qualification (Minimum of 6 hours). Assessment will be ongoing by the trainer and will not require external or independent assessment.

Requalification will require attendance at the full 1-day course every 3 years.

Rollover results in stark warning for plant hire firms from HSE

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning plant hire companies to ensure their vehicles are supplied in a safe condition after a company was prosecuted for hiring out an excavator without suitable rollover protection, and for failing to carry out pre- and post-hire checks on equipment and hirers.

The lack of suitable protection came to light when Stephen Kidd from Ystrad Mynach, who had hired the excavator, rolled it over as he tried to level some uneven land on his property in July 2006. He was unable to jump clear as the machine rolled, trapping his leg underneath it for 40 minutes before being released by emergency services. He suffered crush injuries to his foot and ankle.

An investigation carried out after the incident showed that no checks had been made by Astra Plant Ltd to ensure that Mr Kidd was suitably trained to operate the machine before allowing him to hire it.

It was found that rollover protection had previously been fitted to the machine, but was absent at the time of hire. The company were fined a total of £2,000 and ordered to pay £6,356.55 costs

Further information is available at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2008/coiw26908.htm>



100% Pass Rate

Our congratulations to the students that have just completed the CIEH Advanced

Certificate in Health & Safety in the Workplace. Once again they have assisted us in maintaining a 100% pass rate.

Another Success at the Business Awards!

Medway Safety were one of the finalists at the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce of Commerce Business Awards.



We were nominated in the category as 'Most Promising New Business' and now have our first trophy!



New - IOSH Managing Safely

At the end of 2007 we added the IOSH Managing Safely course to our range of courses. It is proving to be very popular with 7 courses successfully delivered within the first 6 months of our license.

Managing Safely is a course for managers and supervisors in any sector and any organisation. It's designed to give managers all they need to know to help them handle health and safety in their teams.

The flexible new high impact programme covers all the main health and safety issues, and includes a session tackling the environment too.

The course lasts for 4 days in total. For further information please visit our website at http://www.medwaysafety.co.uk/IOSH_Managing_Safely.html

Training Failures Costing Economy £30bn a Year

According to research by the British Safety Council employers are failing to provide adequate safety training for millions of workers at a cost of more than £30 billion a year.

The survey 'Safe and Sound?' found that 62% of workers had received little or no health and safety training.

Why not have a look at the range of courses provided by Medway Safety and help to improve health and safety in your workplace.

To view the complete range of courses available please visit the training pages of our website at <http://www.medwaysafety.co.uk/training.html>



Competency & the CDM Coordinator

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 place duties on clients to ensure that competent persons are employed on construction projects.

The first appointment is supposed to be the CDM Coordinator which again should happen at the earliest possible time, once you have received planning consent that is in fact too late according to the Approved Code of Practice (acop).

Our CDM Co-ordinator Service has been developed primarily for companies operating in the telecommunications, utilities and construction industries and to assist them in complying with the requirements imposed under regulation 14 of the CDM Regulations.

Clients that have in the past fulfilled this role themselves must ensure that they satisfy the 'competency criteria' to fulfil the role. One of ways in which you may prove competence is to be a Registered Member of the Association for Project Safety, which you should have achieved by the 6th April 2008.

Be sure to satisfy yourself that you or your nominated members of staff are 'competent'. If you think that you may now need some assistance please contact our office on 01634 365555 to discuss your requirements.

Training Programme June to August 2008

Date	Course	Venue	Cost
3 rd June	CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety	Rainham, Kent	£65
4 th June	CIEH Level 2 Award in Health & Safety	Docklands, London	£65
4 th -6 th June	CIEH Level 3 Award in Food Safety	Rainham, Kent	£290
9 th -13 th June	CIEH Level 4 Award in Health & Safety	Rainham, Kent	£595
16 th -19 th June	IOSH Managing Safely	Docklands, London	£515
18 th June	CIEH Level 3 Award in HACCP	Rainham, Kent	£115
20 th June	CIEH Principles of Manual Handling	Docklands, London	£45
24 th June	CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety	Docklands, London	£65
27 th June	Emergency First Aid	Rainham, Kent	£60
30 th June	Duties of the Fire Warden	Docklands, London	£60
7 th -11 th July	CIEH Level 4 Award in Managing Food Safety	Rainham, Kent	£595
9 th July	CIEH Level 2 Principles of Coshh	Docklands, London	£45
11 th July	Duties of the Fire Warden	Rainham, Kent	£60
14 th -17 th July	IOSH Managing Safely	Rainham, Kent	£515
21 st -23 rd July	CIEH Professional Trainers Certificate	Rainham, Kent	£300
24 th July	IOSH Working Safely	Rainham, Kent	£95

For our full programme of courses please visit our website at <http://www.medwaysafety.co.uk/training.html#>