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Select Health and Safety Ltd provide a range of health and safety training courses which can be delivered at clients premises or at our dedicated training facility. These include IOSH accredited courses at competitive rates delivered by experienced safety professionals.

Welcome to our first edition of News Scene**Health and Safety Law Poster**

The workplace Health and Safety Law poster has now changed to an eye catching version, designed to be easily read and understood. This is supplemented with a leaflet pocket card which can be given to workers instead of displaying the poster. From 6th April 2009 it will only be possible to buy the new poster and leaflet. Existing posters can be used until 5th April 2014 as long as these are readable and the addresses of the Enforcing Authority and Employment Medical Advisory Service are up to date. An MP3 version will also be posted on the Talking Leaflets area of HSE's website.

New Gas Safe Register

As from 1st April 2009 all Gas Engineers wanting to undertake domestic and certain other gas work in Great Britain will be required under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations to be on the Gas Safe Register™. This follows CAPITA now taking over operation of the scheme from CORGI. This register will be overseen by HSE and therefore Engineers will only be lawfully allowed to undertake work who are registered under the scheme.

Property Developers Be Aware

Property Developers are reminded of their health and safety responsibilities under the CDM Regulations 2007 on the construction area of HSE's website. A useful reference guide has been produced covering the fundamental requirements of developers under the Regulations and case studies have been posted showing practical examples of non-compliance which have led to HSE intervention and prosecution, ranging from lack of asbestos awareness, falls from height, public safety and a building collapse but notwithstanding other issues associated with these incidents.

Select Health and Safety Ltd provide full CDM Co-ordinator service to clients and have extensive experience in this field to support Developers who need assistance in this area.



Skid Steer Loaders

The HSE have posted a Safety Alert on their website following a recent fatality of a Skid Steer Loader Operator crushed by the lifting arm of his machine. These items of plant are often used in a demolition and construction environment. The machine in question was fitted with foot pedal controls directly linked to a hydraulic valve and the spool inside this valve should have been locked by an electrical solenoid activated by raising the restraint bar. HSE's investigation revealed that raising this bar failed to engage the spool lock leaving the pedals active meaning that the operator could still operate the arm and tilt mechanism using the pedals even though the restraint bar had been raised. It only occurred if the floor pedals had not quite returned to their neutral position before the restraint bar was raised. HSE's Alert which needs to be read in full on their website stresses the importance of reviewing and following manufacturer's instructions, having properly trained operators and the need to test, inspect and maintain interlocks.

Warning to those who ignore Statutory Notices

HSE have issued a stern warning to those organisations who fail to act on improvement notices or conduct repairs after an engineering company ignored the requirements of a notice or to carry out repair work. The company were fined £5000 and £1628 in costs and were ordered to carry out the repairs to the building concerned after they had failed to conduct them in the necessary time frame stipulated in the conditions of the notice.

Corporate Manslaughter and Health and Safety Offences "Brunch" Briefing

Select Health and Safety Ltd have added a new 1 hour brunch presentation to their extensive list of training packages. This short presentation is aimed at updating Directors and Managers of the Corporate Manslaughter Act and the Health and Safety Offences Act which was introduced onto the statute books last year. This session can be delivered during a management seminar or during a break at a board meeting.

Call Select Health and Safety Ltd on 01302 515120 to make a booking.