

Health & Safety Guidance - Free 'on-line' Access

From September 2009 around 250 priced publications ('HSG' and 'L' Series publications) that contain health and safety advice and guidance will be made freely available from HSE's website in PDF format to view and print.

The publications cover the full range of HSE's guidance as well as approved codes of practice (ACOPs) and guidance on regulations.

The HSE said it was making the information available to help employers better understand their legal duties and what health and safety precautions they need to take, and to help safety representatives in maintaining and improving health and safety in the workplace.

Those that wish to will still have the option to buy professionally produced printed versions from HSE Books.

Although the publications will be made freely available online, Crown copyright will still apply and organisations wishing to reproduce the information will still need an appropriate licence from the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI).

New to the K.S. Safety Ltd Website:- CDM Regulations

- **Roles and Responsibilities of Duty-holders**
 - **Sub-contractors H&S Questionnaire**
- Safety 'news' feed**

<http://www.ks-safety.com>



Training Courses - Flexible Learning - Evening & Weekends

K.S. Safety Ltd have now introduced Training Courses, which can be undertaken by flexible learning methods. Our scheduled courses will now include evening and weekend courses in addition to the regular day time courses. Courses may also be booked with flexible start dates, if Group Members have six or more delegates wishing to attend the same course. [If you are registered for a levy with the CITB, then you are also eligible for grant assistance]

A new area on the website has been dedicated for the listing of Scheduled Courses.

<http://www.ks-safety.com>

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New

In-service Testing of Electrical Appliances (Formerly Termed PAT Testing)

From October 2009, **K.S. Safety Ltd** will be able to offer a Portable Appliance Testing Service, with a 25% discount for Group Members. It is anticipated that a 'drop-off' service will also be available.

Microbial Dip Slide Tests

K.S. Safety Ltd is now able to provide a dip slide test service for microbial growth as part of water management systems. This is now of particular importance for Engineering Workshops and Microbial Growth in Metal Working Fluids. We are also able to supply Dip Slides for this procedure.



Swine Flu — General Advice For Employers

Employers and employees should always practice good personal hygiene measures – use a disposable tissue to control coughs/sneezes, dispose of it appropriately and wash your hands before eating, drinking etc. In addition at the current time you should:

- Advise your staff to stay at home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms and have good reason to believe, based on HPA guidance, that they may have been exposed to the swine flu virus
- Send home any employees who are displaying flu-like signs/symptoms in the situation as described above
- Prevent employees from refilling personal water bottles at communal water dispensers.

Employment Law

We are delighted to be able to introduce **Creideasach** Employment Law specialists, to assist our Group Members with all aspects of Employment Law, from assisting with the development of Contracts of Employment through to Grievance & Discipline Procedures and as an Employer's representative in cases of tribunal.

Please reference **K.S. Safety Ltd** for an introductory offer.

(01259) 211 210

Use of face masks

The number of people in public places who are displaying symptoms is likely to be limited. Therefore it should not be necessary for workers to wear facemasks routinely when in contact with the general public.

For certain occupations and activities where there is an increased likelihood of exposure (e.g. health and social care workers), HSE's guidance is that fluid-repellent surgical face masks offer a barrier to minimise contact with the mouth and nose but do not offer protection against aerosols.

For protection against aerosols a FFP3 mask should be used. A **filtering facepiece (FFP3)** device is a mask which is certified to the PPE Directive. It provides a high level of filtering capability and face fit.

Lead In Paint—Heightened Awareness

'Buried' lead paint (also known as 'Lead-Based Paint' or 'LBP') can be found in millions of UK homes, schools and workplaces, particularly those built before 1970 - more than 70%, or 18.5Million, of the country's building stock.

Lead exposure risks occur when lead paint surfaces produce dust as they become old and worn; when they are damaged or during refurbishment and preparation for repair or re-painting. Inhaling or ingesting even microscopic quantities of lead dust can harm all of us in different ways and to varying degrees.

K.S. Safety Ltd are able to provide a professional service to identify the presence of lead based paints in advance of disturbance and to identify which are regarded as 'significant' as defined by the Control of Lead at Work Regulations. Comprehensive reports and floor plans are prepared. **(01501) 749500 - Karen Wilson**

Asbestos Surveys and Bulk Sample Analysis

K.S. Safety Ltd provide a comprehensive service for the identification of asbestos containing materials within both Commercial and Domestic Properties. We are able to undertake Type, 1, 2 & 3 level surveys ranging from single room to full property survey. Arrangements can also be made for the asbestos analysis upon receipt of individual samples.

Contact Karen Wilson on (01501) 749500 for further details

Driving for work

Road traffic legislation imposes specific requirements on employers in respect of vehicle use and maintenance.

But employers also have responsibility under Health and Safety legislation to ensure so far as reasonably practicable the health and safety of their employees and others who may be affected by their work activities. This includes the activity of driving on public roads.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/workplacetransport/index.htm>

The HSE have developed a dedicated 'micro-site' on their website, to assist companies in complying with the requirements of the regulations.

Management responsibilities, vehicle checklists, driver induction/training/refresher training, vehicle handling, speed, traffic routes, pedestrian and vehicle segregation, parking etc are all topics covered on this website.

K.S. Safety Ltd will be running courses for managers, during October 2009, to heighten the awareness of such responsibilities and to assist primarily Group Members in complying with the requirements. To book a place on the course, please contact the office on (01501) 749500. Dependent upon demand the course may be run on days, evenings or weekends to facilitate flexible learning. Check the website for scheduled courses - additional flexible dates upon demand.

(£ 25 + vat Group Members, £40 + vat non-members)

A **free leaflet** entitled - 'Driving at Work — Managing Work-related Road Safety' is available for access and download from the HSE website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg382.pdf>

Group Members

Appointments will be sought with Group Members over the next few months, to ascertain progress relating to health and safety issues, and to define 'Action Points' for the next following six months.

An annual health and safety audit will be undertaken during the visit.

If you would wish to book a **priority visit**, please contact Karen Wilson on (01501) 749500 or (07810) 375773 to check current availability.

Asbestos Awareness Training **must** be provided to all workers in the refurbishment, maintenance and allied trades where it is foreseeable that their work will disturb the fabric of the building because ACM's may become exposed during their work.

Contact **K.S. Safety Ltd**
To Arrange A Training Course (01501) 749500





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The NEW - Health & Safety Law Poster

The HSE launched its new version of its approved health and safety poster and leaflet in April 2009.

The new versions are modern, eye-catching and easy to read. They set out in simple terms, using numbered lists of basic points, what employers and workers must do, and tell you what to do if there is a problem.

Employers can, if they wish, continue to use their existing versions of poster and leaflet until **5 April 2014**, as long as they are readable and the addresses of the enforcing authority and the Employment Medical Advisory Service up to date. The leaflet that employers can give to workers, instead of displaying the poster, is in the form of a pocket card.

What is the law poster?

Employers have a legal duty under the Health and Safety Information for Employees Regulations (HSIER) to display the poster in a prominent position in each workplace or provide each worker with a copy of the equivalent leaflet outlining British health and safety laws.

K.S. Safety Ltd will be placing a bulk order for the new Law Posters. Please contact us if you would like us to order these on your behalf. (01501) 749500



K. S. Safety Ltd is a Consultancy providing a wide ranging Health, Safety and Hygiene Service to assist you in meeting the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act and its associated legislation. We are committed to giving you, our customer a high quality and professional service whatever the size of the assignment or circumstances.

You will find us to be adaptable, flexible and practical in our approach and you can be sure that we shall work closely with you so that you will obtain maximum benefit from our service.

Perhaps you would like to become a member of the **K.S. Safety Group**, where for a nominal annual fee you

- are updated regularly with respect to changes in legislation,
- will have the benefits of the readily available advice & guidance of a health & safety professional,
- benefit from a 10% discount on all of our course fees
- benefit from a reduced on-site hourly rate, from that of non-members

