

Hot Topics

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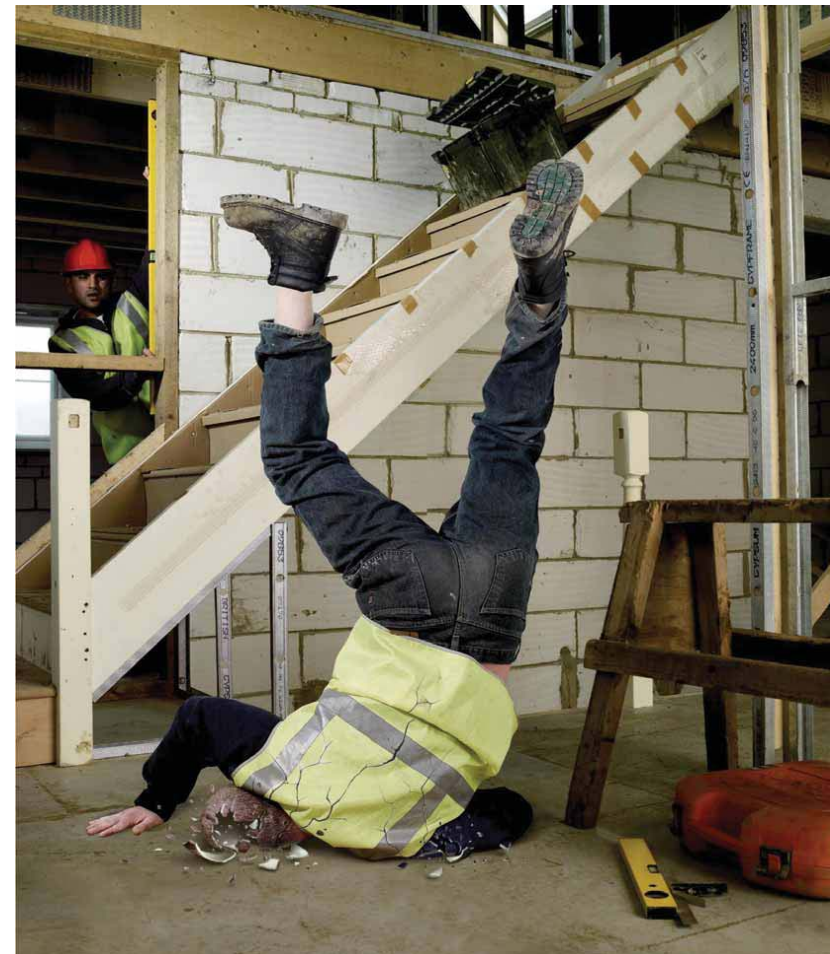
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News and Updates

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- **Health & Safety Law Poster** – Outcome of ASA Investigation
- **Combined Health & Safety Policy Statement and Risk Assessment Template** – Launched 1 September
- **Work At Height Access Information Tool (WAIT)**
- Alternative Format
- **SSIP Formal Launch**
- 4 November 2009



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- **LPG Consultation and Guidance**

- Consultation ends 19 November

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

- Feedback on Guidance Requested

- **Guidance for Disabled People and their Employers:**

- www.hse.gov.uk/disability/index.htm

- Feedback to Diversity@hse.gov.uk



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- **MSD Directive – 3rd Draft.**
 - ACSH Working Party to prepare opinion on this version for Plenary Meeting 10 Dec.
 - College of Commissioners expected to adopt Apr 2010.
 - Text will then be sent to member states for consideration – Both European Parliament and Commission have to agree on text before it becomes law.
 - New GB regulations a minimum of 2 years away - HSE will consult stakeholders during negotiations.
 - SBTAF will receive regular updates.



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- **Artificial Optical Radiation (AOR) Directive**

- Consultation Launched [DATE]

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd227.htm>

- **Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) Directive**

- Revised Directive – revised text due Spring 2010

- At Early Negotiating Stages

- HSE Interested To Hear Views!

- EMF Community: Contact Tim Beaumont

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RRAC Report

Health & Safety in Small Organisations

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- Risk and Regulation Advisory Council Report “*Health & Safety in Small Organisations: Reducing Uncertainty, Building Confidence, Improving Outcomes*”
 - Published 21 July 2009
 - Makes recommendations for improving health and safety in small organisations, including 11 for HSE/DWP
 - Many of these fit in with HSE’s existing commitments in our new strategy and business plan:
 - Working with insurers (ABI, BIBA)
 - Engage with Small Businesses to review ‘training opportunities’ (guidance)
 - Report can be viewed at:
<http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file52340.pdf>

SBTAF Ways of Working

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- New strategy ties in with SBTAF areas of interest
 - Explore ways of contributing to:
 - Assist with the delivery of the strategy goals
 - Build on SBTAF's existing strengths
 - Members helped draw up suggestions
 - Full discussion planned for January meeting