

CILF Newsletter

Cleaning Industry Liaison Forum

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What is the Cleaning Industry Liaison Forum?

HSE and the cleaning industry are working in partnership through the Cleaning Industry Liaison Forum (CILF). The Forum comprises representatives from trade associations, trade unions and key industry stakeholders who have agreed a priority plan. To contact the Forum please speak to your trade association or trade union.

HSE has a specific section of its website specifically for the cleaning industry.

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

Shattered Lives



Nearly 11 000 workers suffered serious injury because of a slip or trip last year. Shattered Lives is HSE's latest campaign aimed at reducing this unnecessary injury toll. The Shattered Lives website has details on what happens when workers are put at risk and what can be done to stop slips and trips.

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

HSE Ladder Exchange – the results

4194 unsafe ladders were taken out of use during the recent HSE ladder exchange.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm>

Looking after your business

Managing health and safety is an important part of looking after your cleaning business. HSE has some web pages that can help with this.

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

Aches and pains

One of the most common risks facing cleaners are strains, sprains and overuse problems affecting the body's muscles, joints and nerves. The back, neck, shoulders and upper limbs are particularly at risk.

There is helpful information on this topic on HSE's website.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/cleaning/backpain.htm>

Reducing slip and trip accidents from floor cleaning

In 2007/08 HSE ran a project to raise awareness of the hazards associated with floor cleaning, and how effective management (by contract cleaners and their clients) could lead to a reduction in slips and trips. More information on this work will be in the next edition of the newsletter.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/slips/cleancampaign.htm>

Employing workers from overseas

HSE has launched a website aimed at helping overseas workers and their employers understand their roles and responsibilities under British health and safety law.

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