

**Minutes of the Slips and Trips Stakeholder Meeting**  
**HSE, Rose Court, London**  
**22 May 2006**

**Attendees and Apologies**

**Attended**

Paul Beaumont	HSE	Chair
Liz Gibby	HSE	
Mark Thomas	HSE	
Helena Allum	HSE	
Liz O'Doherty	HSE	
Graham Stevens	HSE	
John Print	HSE	
James Noble	HSE	
Steve Sumner	Employers Organisation for Local Government	
Paul Roberts	Dept of Health	
Janine Mills	HCIMA	
James Harbourne	British Retail Consortium	
Jon Lawrence	QBE	
Dave Bennett	ASLEF	
Mike Cox	J Sainsburys	
Jonathan Bramsden	British Safety Council	
Jean Davies	ODPM	
Nigel Lodge	Land Securities Trillium	
Allan Holt	Royal Mail	
Sharon Horan	Royal College of Nursing	
Sarah Moore	LACORS	
Paul Duncalf	Northern Foods	
Richard Jones	IOSH	

**Apologies**

Abby Miller  
Allison Connick  
John Phillips  
Jan Worthy  
Vincent Borg  
David Wallington  
Robert Bryson  
Mike Rainsford  
Carol Bannister  
Bud Hudspith

## **Update on the slips and trips programme and arrangements for programme delivery**

Liz Gibby described the FIT3 programme, the Injuries Reduction Programme (IR) and how slips and trips fit into these. Liz explained the PSA targets and the high dependency of the overarching programmes on the success of the Slips and Trips programme.

Liz Gibby reminded the stakeholders that slips and trips team is one of a number of teams in the injuries reduction programme along with falls from height and workplace transport, the 3 teams (including slips and trips) are interconnecting as slips and trips can cause workplace transport and falls from height accidents.

During the Watch Your Step (WYS) campaign we learnt a lot from LA's as they were further ahead with slips and trips and more aware.

The Falls from height campaign started on the 22 May 2006.

Liz Gibby thanked everyone involved in the campaign for all their hard work and partnership.

Paul Beaumont gave a presentation outlining the slips and trips programme, and talked about WYS and recent projects from WYS>

*(A handout of the presentation was given out at the meeting)*

Steve Sumner gave positive feedback on having good support from HSE.

The transfer of the Railways Inspectorate to ORR was discussed and HSE will maintain strong links with ORR to ensure that programme objectives will be pursued.

## **Watch Your Step Campaign Update-John Print**

John Print joined the slips and trips team in February to take over the next stage of the WYS campaign.

John emphasised that WYS was a national outreach campaign, the importance of partnership working and to raise awareness of slips and trips.

Stakeholders have ran their own events for WYS including presentations, competitions etc.

John ran through some of the examples of what stakeholders have done during WYS.

John spoke about some of the early feedback he had from LA inspectors which was positive as they found that slips and trips fit into their daily work plan quite well.

Phase 2 is now at the end.

John then went on to discuss the evaluation process; he listed the main things that they will be doing during the evaluation which are;

1. Further survey analysis
2. Output analysis
3. Qualitative research- interviews: face to face/telephone/discussion groups
4. Interview employers and employees who were reached by WYS
5. HSE key staff research-internal research, developing running seminars.
6. Report will then be done for end of July/August.

The results from the publicity campaign are now available.

There were 4 press executions in trade and national press.

Radio adverts- three 40 second radio ads aired over 198 national radio stations.

There were 1000 interviews taken before the WYS campaign and 1000 interviews taken post the campaign and the figures showed that 53% of employers recognised the radio adverts and 33% of employees recognised the radio adverts.

Employers seemed to focus on the message that you shouldn't leave it for someone else to clear up. 88% of employers and 85% of employees think that the campaign brought home the seriousness of slips and trips.

Paul Duncalf gave feedback on using the SAT and said it had been very useful on using on the shop floor.

Richard Jones was impressed with the slips and trips website.

### **FIT3 Survey**

James Noble gave a presentation on the FIT3 survey.

This is a base line survey and includes workplaces in the UK.  
There were 1700 people interviewed on slips and trips in their workplace.

If slips and trips are to be successful then needed to encourage companies to change their behaviours. Only 67% of all business recognised that they had a risk of slips and trips and only 4 out of 10 companies say slips and trips are a problem for all their employees. Construction has the highest risk of slips and trips.

Small businesses are less likely to say slips and trips is a risk therefore more works needs to be done but they will be harder to target.

Most companies are opting to do risk assessments but few describe work on practical control measures to reduce slips and trips..

### **Project Updates and news**

Mark Thomas and Helena Allum outlined the current work being undertaken by the slips and trips team and future projects. They emphasised the large number of sectors that still need targeting.

Helena discussed the new working group that had been put together to focus on slips and trips in kitchen environments i.e. fast food restaurants etc, and Mark explained one of the recent high profile prosecutions which involved an employee suffering flash frier burns after slipping over in a kitchen.

Mark also discussed the prison project, which he has been involved with recently.

There is a planned series of three training courses for HSE Inspectors who were not available for earlier training. This training is due to start in July. There will be also be some top-up training events for LA inspectors.

Mark informed the meeting that there will be a Footwear conference, sponsored by DTI and jointly planned and delivered by HSE and SATRA on 29 June, information about this event can be found on the HSE slip and trips website and all are invited to attend if they wish.

### **Updates and Future works of partner organisations**

#### **Jonathan Bramsden-British Safety Council**

Jonathan met Paul Beaumont and John Print at the BSC headquarters in May. BSC is working in partnership with the Slips and Trips programme. Slips and trips will be the main issue addressed in the September 2006 edition of the BSC journal 'Safety Management'. Jonathan has invited the team to help with any promotional material.

#### **Sharon Horan- Royal College of Nursing**

Sharon will put the initiatives on the NHS websites.

#### **Jon Lawrence-QBE**

Jon told the meeting that half of the team he works on focus on slips and trips, and that a third of claims they receive are for slips and trip injuries.

They have about 1000 policyholders for larger companies. He offered to look at where the claims are mainly coming from and see what they can do to target these companies. The slips and trips programme team had recently

contributed to a risk management conference in Manchester hosted by QBE for over 100 of the clients.

#### Sarah Moore-LACORS

LA's have found the materials from the WYS campaign very useful. Sarah asked that when the evaluation is done then could positive feedback be sent out to keep the momentum going.

#### Paul Duncalf-Northern Foods

Paul explained that at his company they are doing something called "performance monitoring" where they compare all different sites within the company and see who are doing the best on health and safety matters. A speaker from Northern Foods was also involved in the Footwear event on 29/6/06 described earlier.

#### Dave Bennet-ASLEF

Dave informed the group that some of the accidents in the underground consist of passengers falling down the gap between the train and the platform. They industry are interested in slips and trips but they are going down a different route to tackle them. ASLEF are trying to get things pushed through the industry but there doesn't seem to be any co-ordination due to many different private companies owning the networks.

#### Allan Holt- Royal Mail

Allan informed the meeting that Royal Mail are happy to share any information or stories on slips and trips from their company. Allan is keen to see more progress on the HSE/Royal Mail project.

#### **Action to Maintain Momentum and what the programme could do to help you**

Mark Thomas asked the meeting if they knew any other key stakeholders who might benefit from attending this meeting and that they need to be approached, for example representatives from architects/designers, flooring and footwear industries. .

The slips and trips team asked what the rest of the meeting would like from the slips and trips team in HSE.

If you have any requests or suggestions then please contact the team on [slipstripshelp@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:slipstripshelp@hse.gsi.gov.uk).

**ACTION Liz O'Doherty to send a copy of the PowerPoint presentations used during the meeting to the stakeholders via e-mail.**

The next meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in HSE, Rose Court, London.