

Hot topics round-up

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BRE Review of H&S for SMEs. Government Enterprise Strategy.



- Progress report on review
- Regulating small business
- Review of government guidance
- Businesslink.gov

Legislative info

- Health and Safety (Offences) Bill
 - Corporate Manslaughter/Homicide:
 - Sentencing guidelines and publicity orders
- *For updates, see:
- **Hot Topics Slides (October 2008)**
 - **<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2007-08/healthandsafetyoffences.html>**

Involving your workers in health and safety – A guide for small businesses



- The leaflet should provide all the guidance needed for small businesses to be in compliance;
- Aimed at businesses with fewer than 25 employees;
- Language simple and informal
- Leaflet will be launched on 14 October;
- It will be available as a web-based document only.

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Draft version on SBTAF e-community – your thoughts wanted:

- Is the structure easy to follow?
- Is content suitable?
- Is the language pitched at the right level?
- Are the case studies useful?

Responses to Richard.Aspland@hse.gsi.gov.uk by 18 July please.

Health Work & Wellbeing Award for Small Business



< 250 employees; demonstrate improved workforce health & wellbeing that benefits the organisation.

For example:

- Safe, healthy environment beyond legal obligations;
 - promote healthy lifestyle choices;
 - help staff with health conditions stay in/return to work;
 - promote positive wellbeing and management practices
- Enter: www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk
or call 020 7234 8751 by noon, 31 July.

Example Risk Assessments

- Communication/promotion push
- 2 year European Campaign on Risk Assessments was launched on 24 June
- 3/4 further ExRAs in prep, then a pause for comms and evaluation
- For the Autumn? – an interactive web-based template & other simplifications!
- SBTAF advice will be sought

Notable regulation changes, October 2008. Campaigns update.



- **Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) Regulations**

- **Asbestos campaign**

(For updates, see:

[http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/hidde
nkiller/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/hidde
nkiller/index.htm))

Accreditation of health and safety consultants



- Response to W&P SC report on HSE
- Government facilitating discussions aimed at exploring scope for voluntary accreditation of health and safety competence re advisers
- Key to ensure advice is 'fit for purpose'
- Existing HSE guidance on obtaining advice drafted with SBTAF help
- IOSH complimentary advice now published

Construction activity

- Of the 72 employees/self-employed killed in 2007/8, 40 (56%) were employees of SMEs
- Work in place to improve health and safety standards in construction SMEs through construction forums (CONIAC, CCG etc)
- Construction Clients' Group demonstrated free Assurance Tool for construction clients to HSE



Current activity round-up

Thank you - any quick questions or comments?