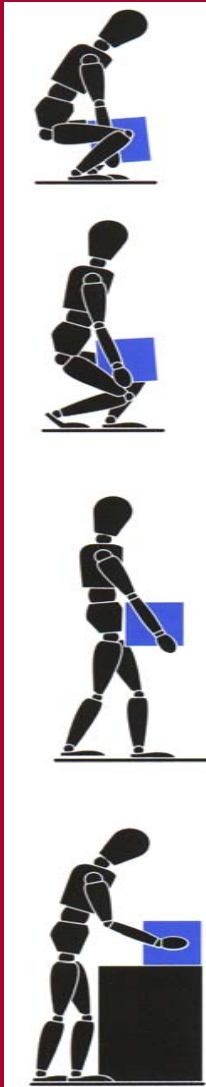


TUC/HSE Better Health at Work seminar: 5/12/05

**Backs! experience of 2005
and plans for 2006**

Backs! 2005 Initiative



In 2003/04 ...

- 2.2 million people in GB suffered work related ill health
- 1.1 million reported MSD cases
- Around 470,000 of them were back complaints
- An estimated 4.9M wrkg days lost to back pain (29.8M lost overall)



LACORS

promoting quality regulation

You can do things to
prevent or minimise
back pain

The prevention measures
are cost-effective

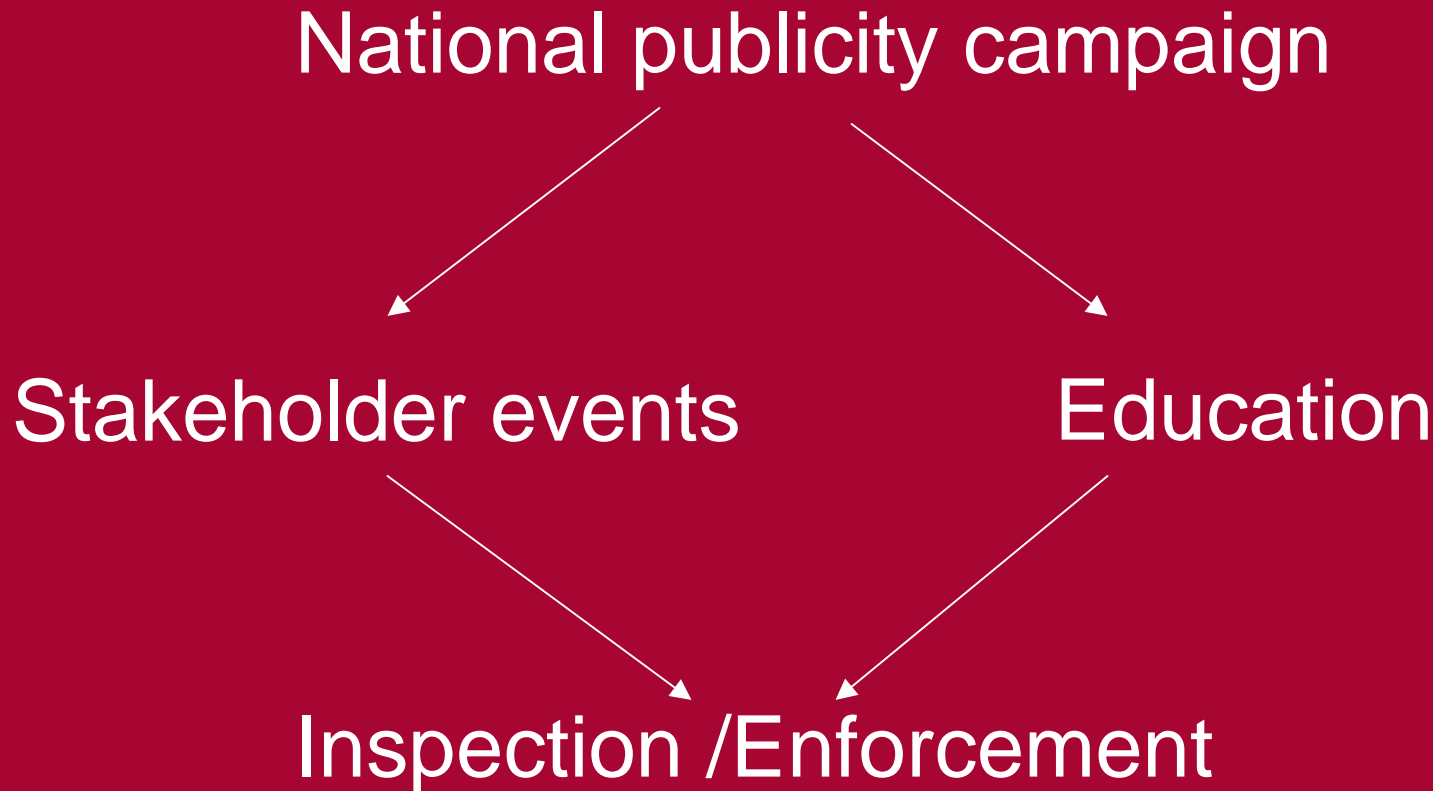
You cannot prevent all
back pain, so early
reporting of symptoms,
proper treatment and
suitable rehabilitation is
essential

Backs!
2005



- To create widespread awareness and use of sensible precautions to reduce back injuries via targeted national and local publicity with coordinated inspection interventions
- To work in partnership with Local Authorities and stakeholders to maximise outcomes







Traditional Goodness



BRITISH AIRWAYS



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American Airlines®

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Alitalia 

PLANE HANDLING LTD.



AFSL

BAA 



- 10M employees potentially engaged via national stakeholders
- Around 400 articles published
- 200,000 campaign website hits
- 1500 Infoline enquiries
- 13500 requests to HSE Books



- Around 500 HSE Inspectors and LA officers participated
- Over 3100 inspections completed
- 2954 MAC assessments undertaken
- 168 Improvement Notices served
- 12 Prohibition Notices served
- Visits backed with ergonomist support



“HSE and Local Authorities, together with their wider stakeholders, will work to:

- (1) convince employers and employees, and the wider public, that:
 - manual handling injuries can be prevented
 - employees can help themselves by staying active with back pain; and
 - employers can help employees return to work with back pain
- (2) publicise (both within HSE/LAs and beyond) what Backs! 2006 will involve – and why – clearly and promptly”



.... but



Are we right ?