



SAFE START

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to your Action Pack for this year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work campaign.

This year's campaign slogan is 'Safe Start' and is dedicated to the occupational safety and health of young people. The Action Pack contains helpful information for young people, employers, parents and supervisors of young people. European Week 2006 will run from 23rd – 27th October.

People are particularly at risk of injury in the first six months of a job. Because young people are the future of business, society and the economy they need to: understand the hazards and risks they will face at work and how they can be avoided, prevented or sensibly managed; and be protected (in particular during the first few months of work when they may be at particular risk of injury) by supervision and training.

For this year's UK campaign HSE is working in partnership with the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH), Trades Union Congress (TUC), Learning and Skills Council (LSC), and the EEF the Manufacturers' Organisation.

The purpose of this partnership is to raise awareness on occupational safety and health of young people through the distribution of these Action Packs; providing links to key stakeholders' webpages (for example, IOSH's wiseup2work website that is specifically aimed at young people and the LSC's good practice safelearner website); the joint production of guidance and the Basic Hazard Awareness Course; and events and competitions.

For European Week itself, you may like to organise your own activities and events to raise awareness of the issues. To find out more information on this and the links to our partners' webpages, please see the following websites:

- The HSE campaigns webpages:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/index.htm>
- The website of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work:
<http://ew2006.osha.eu.int>

On the European Agency's webpages you can find out more about the European Good Practice Awards 2006.

I wish you every success with your campaign.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Batt'.

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