



## Supply Chain Initiative

# REDUCING MUSCULOSKELETAL RISK IN HANDLING PAVING MATERIALS (SLABS/KERBS)

### A forum event for stakeholders

The Rose & Globe Rooms, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London, SE1 9HLS

Monday 10 November 10.15 am coffee for 10.45am start– 3.45pm finish

Limited places 'first come first served' – book now to reserve your place

This event will look at the handling issues associated with the laying of heavy slabs/flags and will review progress on reducing handling risks associated with heavy kerbs.

HSE would like to move to a situation where the majority of paving slabs/flags (and kerbs) are laid using mechanical means, or the risks of MSD are otherwise reduced e.g. through different design options.

The main emphasis will be on discussion and debate leading to the mutual development of practical guidance to reduce the risks associated with manual handling of paving slabs. *There is existing HSE guidance on the handling of kerbs which we will happily take comments on (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/cis57.pdf>).*

The main areas of discussion will be:

- Avoiding or reducing the risks associated with handling paving.
- What are the design alternatives?
- What effective guidance or good practice is already in place?
- What you can do to ensure that guidance will be helpful to you?
- What can be done to ensure that best practice is embedded throughout the industry?
- What progress has been made in this area of manual handling activity and what more could be done?

Following the Forum we would like to form a representative working group to consider the issues in more detail and take forward the development of practical guidance.

There will be short presentations on the risks involved in this activity (from HSE and other key stakeholders) and the approaches – throughout the supply chain - that can be taken to reduce those risks.

You can let us know now if you would like to attend the Forum. Numbers are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. A detailed Agenda will be provided when we confirm your attendance.



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Manual handling is a key health issue that HSE and industry are addressing. The handling of heavy paving slabs and kerbs can lead to musculoskeletal disorders where the damage can be gradual and progressive over a substantial period of time. HSE needs input from the construction industry and other key stakeholders to tackle this issue effectively.

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**If you would like to attend the forum on Monday 10 November 2008:**

Please post, fax or email your reply to Ann Marie Farmer at the Health & Safety Executive, with your name, organisation and contact details and indicate the number of people who will be attending.

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**Note:** places are limited and we may have to confirm bookings on a first come, first served, basis.

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Replies should arrive no later than **30 October 2008**.

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