

HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE

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Mr M J Walters
Backs! 2005 Stakeholder Liaison
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Dear Mr Walters

Following the attendance of a representative of the Company at the recent Stakeholder meeting, I am writing to confirm that the Allied Carpets Group fully supports the Backs! 2005 campaign.

In order to do this we will be taking the following action as part of the campaign.


- Posters giving advice on manual handling techniques will be displayed in staff rooms and warehouses across the Company.
- We will review our manual handling assessments to ensure that they are up-to-date and accurately reflect handling activities.
- Investigate manual handling aids currently available and select appropriate items for trial and evaluation within the business.

It is anticipated that the above actions will have the following effects

- To raise the focus on manual handling techniques across the business.
- To promote safe lifting practices across the business
- To reduce the number of injuries and absences attributable to carrying out manual handling tasks.

Allied Carpets are committed to working with the Health & Safety Executive and Local Authorities to help reduce in the long term the enormous costs to industry and society of back pain and other musculo-skeletal disorders in the workplace

Yours sincerely



Clive Hutchings
Chief Executive Officer