

Delayed Office Opening for Employee Training

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Dear Emmie

Perth & Kinross Council's Health and Safety Enforcement Team is delighted to support this year's Better Backs campaign which aims to reduce the incidence and impact of back pain and upper limb disorders caused or made worse by work and to reduce the number of working days lost to these causes.

We have set ourselves the following goals with a view to tackling back pain and upper limb disorders in work place that are regulated by Perth & Kinross Council:

- **To include MSD and WRULD as part of our Planned Inspection Programme**
- **To make upper body injuries a high priority in our selection criteria for Accident and Complaint Investigations**

We plan to achieve our goals by taking the following actions:

- ***Testing each dutyholder during inspections where MSD/WRULD exist on their knowledge of the hazards, the solutions and safe working practices***
- ***Raising dutyholders awareness of the FIT 3 Street website and other sources of guidance***
- ***Addressing where appropriate poor sickness absence reporting and management practices***
- ***Informing Small and Medium sized enterprises about Scotland's Healthy Working Lives Award Scheme and the availability of its free advice and support services***

Perth & Kinross Council's Health and Safety Enforcement Team is committed to continued Partnership working with HSE and other Local Authorities on this issue. Together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

Donald Stewart
Head of Environmental and Consumer Services