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Health and Safety Executive
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date:

Dear Emmie

West Midlands Fire Service 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 view to tackling back pain and upper limb disorders in our work place:

- **Reduce days lost due to musculoskeletal related sickness absence**
- **Increase awareness of accident reporting system**
- **Early follow up for all accidents/incidents involving musculoskeletal system**

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

- *Early Management referral*
- *Improved communication strategies*
- *Early physiotherapy & rehabilitation intervention*

West Midlands Fire Service is committed to working with HSE and the Local Authorities on this issue - together we can make a real difference.

Yours sincerely

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