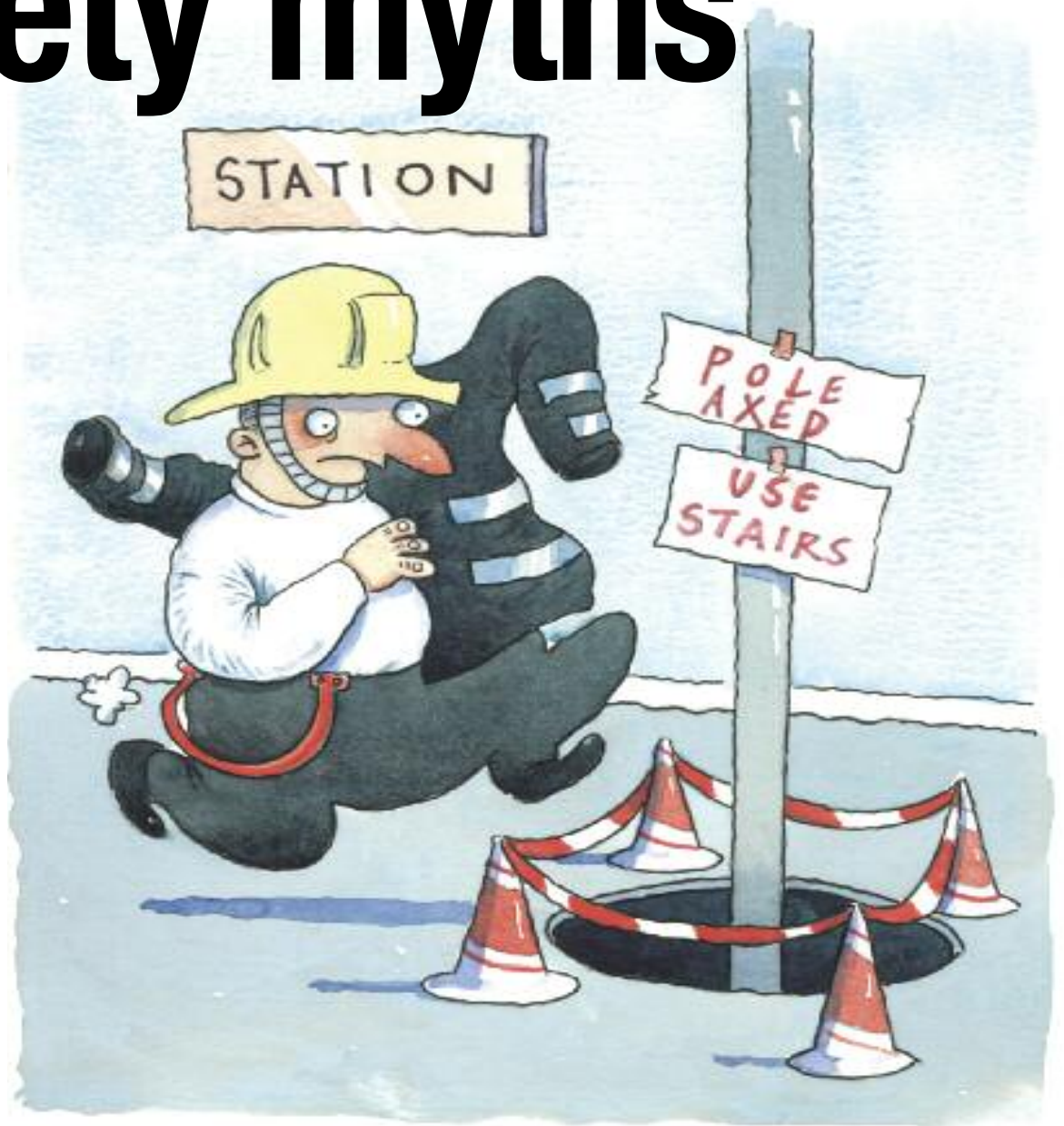


# Great health and safety myths



**The myth** Health and safety laws banned poles in fire stations

**The reality** It was widely reported that a fire station was built without the traditional pole for 'health and safety' reasons.

As the county's Chief Fire Officer said: 'Whilst every consideration regarding health and safety was taken into account, the reason a pole was not included was purely due to space restrictions.'

Poles are not banned and firefighters around the country continue to use them.