

FREE Health and Safety Events for Businesses **Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March 2007**

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive are working in partnership with many organisations and businesses in Calderdale to run a number of **FREE** events for businesses on workplace health, safety and welfare during week commencing 26th February 2007. These events are being run as part of the Calderdale Safer Working Communities Initiative. See page 5 overleaf for information on the whole initiative.

This is a summary of each of the events taking place and any business is welcome to attend **FREE** of charge. The size of your business does not matter, be you self employed, a small business or a larger business. Each event will include presentations on key health and safety topics relevant to the target audience. In addition there will be an opportunity for you to seek advice and ask questions at each event. Leaflets and details of sources of health and safety information and advice will be available at each event.

If you would like to attend any of these events or would like any further information about them please contact Jane Sykes on 01422 392320 (jane.sykes@calderdale.gov.uk) or Lynnette Crossley on 01422 392344 (lynnette.crossley@calderdale.gov.uk).

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2007

Construction Safety Seminar

Target audience: Any businesses involved in building construction, alteration or refurbishment or associated trades e.g. electricians, plumbing, joinery, painters and decorators etc.

Key topics to be covered: Work at height, asbestos, manual handling, slips and trips. In addition we aim to cover COSHH, accident reporting and noise at work briefly.

Venue: Calderdale College, Francis Street, Halifax, HX1 3UZ

Times: Morning event – Monday 26th February. Proposed 8am start, with breakfast provided.

NOTE: This event is also taking place on Wednesday 28th February. It is proposed to reverse the running order of Monday's programme to accommodate those businesses that may wish to attend different sessions.

Fleet Management Safety Seminar

Target audience: Any business that runs a fleet of vehicles as part of their business. The seminar will focus on heavy goods vehicles.

Key topics to be covered: Driver safety, vehicle safety and road safety to be covered in the morning and workplace site safety (including pedestrian safety) to be covered in the afternoon. This event will cover issues relevant to the whole supply chain.

Venue: Clifton Suite, Holiday Inn, Coal Pit Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4HW

Times: All Day event (09:00 start) – Monday 26th February. Lunch and break refreshments will be provided

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2007 (continued)

Private Hire Drivers – Taster Seminar

Target audience: Private hire drivers and private hire businesses

Key topics to be covered: The launch of the BTec Intermediate Award in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire (to be run at Calderdale College in near future). This event is will include a short seminar on personal safety of drivers and passengers (Unit 4 of the BTec course) as well as information on the forthcoming BTec course.

Venue: Step Training for Business, Riverside House, North Dean Business Park, Stainland Road, Halifax, HX4 8LR

Times: 11:00 – 13:00 - Monday 26th February. Lunch will be provided.

Health and Safety in Motor Vehicle Repair Event

Target audience: Any business involved in motor vehicle repair

Key topics to be covered: Slips and trips, falls, transport, fire & explosion, plant & equipment (primarily lifting equipment), contact dermatitis and occupational asthma. In addition environmental issues will also be covered – including waste disposal and pollution/emissions.

Venue: Hanson Lane Enterprise Centre, Hanson Lane, Halifax, HX1 5PG

Times: Afternoon event – 13:00 start – Monday 26th February. Lunch will be provided.

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2007

Fire Risk Assessment Seminar

Target audience: any business

Key topics: There will be a presentation from West Yorkshire Fire Service on how to carry out fire risk assessment as well as covering general fire safety issues in workplaces. There will then be an opportunity for businesses to raise questions and discuss issues in an open forum. In addition fire officers will be available for individual discussions with businesses and this will be encouraged so that businesses have an opportunity to use the Fire Service expertise.

Venue: King Cross Fire Station, Skircoat Moor Road, Kings Cross, Halifax, HX1 3JF

Times: Morning event (09:00 start) – Tuesday 27th February.

Quit smoking Bus (incorporating healthy lifestyle & healthy workplace advice)

The Quit smoking bus has been provided by the Calderdale Primary Care Trust. The bus is to be located at Wilkinsons, Brighouse on Tuesday 27th February; at Calderdale College and ASDA, Halifax on Wednesday 28th February and at Morrisons, Todmorden on Thursday 1st March. There will be free information and advice available to anyone in Calderdale on six healthy lifestyles topics: Quit smoking (including information on the smoking ban in enclosed spaces), healthy eating, physical activity, drugs and alcohol, stress at work and return to work.

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2007 (continued)

Health and Safety in Private Rented Accommodation

Target audience: Landlords and letting agents of private rented accommodation

Key topics: Gas safety (including how to spot potential carbon monoxide hazards) and fire safety in private rented accommodation. Speakers include CORGI, Trading Standards and Environmental Health

Venue: King Cross Fire Station, Skircoat Moor Road, Kings Cross, Halifax, HX1 3JF

Times: Afternoon event (Registration at 14:30, with 15:00 start) – Tuesday 27th February. Food will be provided during the event.

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2007

Construction Safety Seminar

Target audience: Any businesses involved in building construction, alteration or refurbishment or associated trades e.g. electricians, plumbing, joinery, painters and decorators etc.

Key topics to be covered: Work at height, asbestos, manual handling, slips and trips. In addition we aim to cover COSHH, accident reporting and noise at work briefly.

Venue: Calderdale College, Francis Street, Halifax, HX1 3UZ

Times: Morning event – Wednesday 28th February. Proposed 8am start, with breakfast provided.
NOTE: this event is also taking place on Monday 26th February. It is proposed to reverse the running order of Monday's programme for the Wednesday seminar to accommodate those businesses that may wish to attend different sessions.

Contact Dermatitis in Hairdressing Seminar

Target audience: Hairdressers and barbers

Key topics to be covered: Contact dermatitis - hazards and methods of prevention. In addition safe working postures will be covered. This seminar will mark the launch of the HABIA awards in Calderdale

Venue: Calderdale College, Francis Street, Halifax, HX1 3UZ

Times: Afternoon event (13:00 start) – Wednesday 28th February.

Health and Safety in Manufacturing and Allied Industries Event

Target audience: Any business involved in manufacturing, engineering or similar work activities

Key topics to be covered: Risk assessment, work equipment safety, lifting equipment safety, occupational health & COSHH, slips & trips and young employees & migrant workers

Venue: KITS, Armytage Road, Brighouse, HD6 1QF

Times: All Day event (09:00 – 16:00) - Wednesday 28th February.

THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2007

Warehouse Safety Seminar

Target audience: Any business that has a warehouse

Key topics to be covered: Manual handling, racking safety, work at height, fork lift truck safety (includes driver, truck & site safety), workplace transport safety (for HGV's) & slips and trips management. There will be some practical sessions held in the warehouse during this event.

Venue: Suma, Unit G15 Lacy Way, Lowfields Business Park, Elland, Halifax, HX5 9DB

Times: All day event (09:00 start) – Thursday 1st March. Lunch and break refreshments will be provided.

Health and Safety in Performing Arts

Target audience: Performing arts venue managers (e.g. Managers of theatres, community halls, church halls etc.) and organisers of performances and events held in these venues e.g. theatre, music, dance, orchestra groups and bands etc.

Key topics to be covered: risk assessment and risk management, fire safety, work at height, manual handling, electrical safety, slips and trips management and safe use of special effects.

Venue: Crossley Gallery, Dean Clough, Halifax, HX3 5AX

Times: Afternoon event – Thursday 1st March

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2007

Agricultural Safety and Health Awareness Day

Target audience: Farmers and businesses involving agricultural activities, including livery yards and riding stables.

Key Topics to be covered: This is a very practical day, with many demonstrations of safe working practice. To include manual handling, work at height (including ladder safety and roof work), electrical safety, handling livestock, All Terrain Vehicle safety and tractor safety (including power take off shaft safety, hydraulics and trailer safety).

Venue: Longfield Equestrian Centre, Middle Longfield Farm, Long Hey Lane, Todmorden, OL14 6JN

Times: All day event – Friday 2nd March. Breakfast/lunch and break refreshments will be provided.



Business Link is supporting the Calderdale Safer Working Communities Initiative and helping local Business Start Up, Prosper and Grow. If we can be of additional help please contact us on 0845 833 6000 or e-mail: info@blwy.co.uk

Calderdale Safer Working Communities Initiative 2007

This initiative aims to make sustainable improvements in health, safety and welfare in Calderdale and secure long term reductions in work related injury and ill-health.

The Health and Safety team within Environmental Health Services, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are jointly running the initiative. This involves working with organisations and businesses to raise workplace health and safety awareness in Calderdale.

The aim of the initiative is to provide information and advice to businesses and the wider community and raise awareness on the help available from Calderdale Council and HSE. In addition it is about sharing best practice, with organisations and businesses supporting and learning from each other.

We will be holding a visits week (w/c 12th February 2007) where we aim to speak to various businesses to offer advice & encourage attendance at FREE seminars at various venues across Calderdale on workplace health, safety and welfare topics during an event week (w/c 26 February 2007).

This initiative is also about building sustainable partnerships with organisations and businesses to achieve improvements in workplace health and safety in Calderdale in the long term.

If you would like to know more about the Calderdale initiative please contact Jane Sykes on 01422 392320 (jane.sykes@calderdale.gov.uk) or Lynnette Crossley on 01422 392344 (lynette.crossley@calderdale.gov.uk). In addition there is some general information about the initiative at www.hse.gov.uk/safercommunity/index

A key theme running through the initiative is 'sensible risk management'. Risk management should be about practical steps to protect people from real harm and suffering. It is about ensuring that workers and the public are properly protected and ensuring that those who create risks manage them responsibly and understand how to do that. It is NOT about creating a totally risk free society, generating useless paperwork mountains and stopping important recreational and learning activities for individuals where the risks are managed.

If you would like to know more about sensible risk management go to www.hse.gov.uk/risk/index

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY ADVICE OR INFORMATION ON WORKPLACE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, PLEASE CONTACT CALDERDALE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMERCIAL TEAM ON 01422 392373 or 01422 392344 or 01422 392320. IN ADDITION WE HAVE A RANGE OF FREE INFORMATION SHEETS AND LEAFLETS COVERING VARIOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY TOPICS.