

Safety Bulletin

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Welcome to your September Safety Bulletin from Rand Health and Safety.

At Rand Training our sole purpose is to ensure that you and your colleagues receive exactly the training and support they need to be safer and more efficient in the workplace. Our dedicated staff of experts will ensure that we provide the perfect solutions for you and that the service you receive exceeds all your expectations.

Training

Are you ensuring that your managers and supervisors are appropriately trained for the work that you ask or expect them to carry out? Rand Training are continually undertaking training of individuals in CPCS, CSCS, Plant, RTITB, WICS, Manual Handling and many more areas that are the backbone to working within the construction industry. Also still popular is the Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) for managers and supervisors (SSSTS), as well as Managing Safely Health and Safety IOSH Accredited course and many other safety related courses. We look forward to speaking with you and delivering a high quality course to you or your employees.



Please contact us for full details of the courses available.



Changes ahead for RIDDOR

Employers will no longer have to report over-three day injuries to the authorities from next year, following the HSE's decision to recommend an extension to the reporting threshold to ministers to seven days.

The recommendation also includes extending the period in which duty holders must notify the authorities of a RIDDOR-reportable accident from 10 to 15 days after the accident.

HSE Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register

The Government accepted the recommendation outlined in the report, 'Common Sense, Common Safety' to professionalise health and safety consultants. The report recommended a qualification requirement that all consultants should be accredited to professional bodies and a web-based directory of accredited consultants should be established. **Dean Sykes CMIOSH RMaPS GCGI** and **Rand Health & Safety** are now listed on this web based site, another outstanding achievement not only for Dean but also Rand Health & Safety.



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HSE News

Safety watchdog declares 10 construction sites unsafe in Lincoln

Standards were so dangerous that workers' lives were being put at risk at 10 construction sites in Lincoln, according to inspectors who visited earlier this month.

In an initiative aimed at reducing deaths and injuries in one of Britain's most dangerous industries, inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive visited 45 sites, 10 of which were found to be so far below required standards that inspectors had to issue formal enforcement notices. They were targeting refurbishment projects – the worst performing sector of the construction industry.

Twelve prohibition notices were issued across the 10 sites which stopped work immediately. The majority of them related to unsafe work being carried out at height or failure to have an asbestos survey.

Richard Lockwood, Principal Inspector for Construction, said:

"This was the fifth year of the inspection initiative and it is disappointing to find construction sites taking the same unnecessary risks with their workers' lives".

Timber firm fined after worker injured

A Lincolnshire timber company has been fined after a worker suffered a severe and permanent hand injury while using a circular saw. A 20-year-old production operative had part of his left thumb severed at Kestrel Timber Frame Ltd, Northfield Road, Market Deeping while cutting insulation foam.

"The company neglected its legal duty to take reasonably practicable steps to ensure the safety of their employees. "The injured man's employers failed to provide equipment which would allow the job to be done safely and, as a result, a young employee suffered serious injury in a completely preventable incident."

Kestrel Timber Frame Ltd, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, pleaded guilty to breaching Section (2)1 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The company was fined £6,700 and ordered to pay full costs of £4,117.

Why is safety important?

Over 200 people are killed each year in accidents at work and over one million people are injured. Over two million suffer illnesses caused by, or made worse by, their work.

Preventing accidents and ill health caused by work is a key priority for everyone at work. As the owner or manager of a business you know that competent employees are valuable. The law requires that you provide whatever information, instruction and training is needed to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of your employees.

Why Train People?

Training means helping people to learn how to do something, telling people what they should or should not do, or simply giving them information. Training isn't just about formal 'classroom' courses.

Rand Training provide a number of safety courses, please speak with our staff for more information.