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THE VALUE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Every year in UK there are over 2 million work related accidents. Many of these kill people, a number of them result in employees being severely injured, resulting in time off work and a great many more result in losses to the Organisation as a result of downtime, staff replacement costs or the time involved investigating accidents to prevent similar recurrences. A large number of accidents can be prevented by simply ensuring that all levels of staff have received suitable and sufficient health and safety training. If staff have been adequately informed of the risks that are present in their day to

day work activities and are aware of the necessary control measures required to minimise those risks the chances of accidents occurring are reduced. This is good for staff and good for the bottom line.

CSSL provide a number of training solutions to enable clients to meet their legal requirements regarding staff training. The law is quite simple in that all staff must receive health and safety training to enable them to work safely at work. Periodical refresher training should also be provided.

CSSL offer the following courses at our new venue

on Clifton Moor just off the A1237 outer York ring road:

IOSH Directing Safely.

IOSH Managing Safely.

1st Aid.

We also offer in-house training which offers exceptional value for money. Call us now to discuss your needs on 01904 691299 or visit www.cssl.co.uk

Our trainers are experts and we proudly boast a 100% pass rate on our IOSH accredited courses.

Through our accredited partnership we can also offer NEBOSH Certificate Courses.

M&S RECEIVE FIRST FINE IN 100 YEARS

Marks and Spencer have been awarded a fine of £20,000.00, £11,113.00 costs and a compensation payout of over £30,000.00 after an employee trapped his foot in a goods lift in a warehouse.

The injured person was riding in a goods only lift when his foot became trapped causing injuries to his foot, one

of his toes had to be amputated.

An investigation by Milton Keynes council found that it was common practice, with Management knowledge, for staff to ride in the goods only lift.

Investigations also found that the lift had a missing gate plate, which would have pre-

vented the injury .

In addition, a suitable and sufficient risk assessment had not been completed and the standard of safety signage was inadequate.

It is a legal requirement that risk assessments must be completed and the findings acted upon.



STOP PRESS! - IOSH TRAINING

IOSH Directing Safely—14th July 2009—Clifton Moor York

IOSH Managing Safely— 15th—18th Sep 2009—Clifton Moor York

Portable Appliance Tests

You must test electrical equipment as often as is required to ensure that it remains safe, this is a legal requirement under the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

Generally, the frequency of testing depends upon the type of equipment in use and the environment that it is used in.

The legislation does not lay down any set testing

frequencies, however, the Health and Safety Executive has produced guidelines. In offices and other low risk environments it is highly unlikely that you will have the types of equipment that require annual testing. However it is important to note that the guidance not only refers to testing but also includes inspection. Testing involves measuring any leakage of current from

the equipment, inspection is a visual examination of the equipment and its component parts for signs of damage. Both elements should be conducted by a competent person, this need not be an electrical engineer providing you can demonstrate that the individual has sufficient knowledge, understanding, training and experience to undertake the task.



NEW AT CSSL

We now provide HSE Accredited 1st Aid Training

Next Course:

“Appointed Person Course”

Tue 22nd September 2009—York

An Inspector Calls

HSE and other enforcing authorities are empowered to have a right of access at any reasonable time. This is generally accepted as any time that the operation is being undertaken. However it is worth noting that the Inspector will carry a warrant card with photographic ID. It is reasonable for you to take such precautions as may be necessary to verify the legitimacy of the Inspector. In many cases

of a routine nature the Enforcing Authority will contact you in advance to announce an intended visit. Experience tells us that the authorities for health and safety are very reasonable and appreciate the security issues that arise in many premises. To verify individuals ask to see identification and contact the local office of the Inspector. Ask to speak to a principal and ensure that you obtain the telephone

number from a reliable source, do not call the number on the card as it may be a fake. Ask for positive clarification that you should be expecting an Inspector and where possible get a physical description.



NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY LAW POSTER

Health and Safety Law
What you need to know

All workers have a right to work in places where risks to their health and safety are properly controlled. Health and safety is about stopping you getting hurt at work or ill through work. Your employer is responsible for health and safety, but you must help.

What employers must do for you	What you must do	If there's a problem
1. Provide and maintain safe working conditions	1. Follow the health and safety rules and instructions	1. Report any health and safety problems to your employer
2. Provide information, instruction and training	2. Report any health and safety problems to your employer	2. Report any health and safety problems to your employer
3. Provide health and safety training	3. Report any health and safety problems to your employer	3. Report any health and safety problems to your employer
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The new poster is available from HSE Books and other outlets now.

Companies must display the new poster by 05th April 2014 at the latest.

It is also available in pocket card format for those organisations who wish to issue to individuals.

SUNLIGHT LAUNDRY FINED

The well known laundry operator Sunlight Service Group” has recently been fined after an agency driver had an accident whilst refuelling his vehicle.

The driver, who had only been employed for two weeks, slipped when he stepped out of his vehicle to fill it with diesel. He had not received any induction training for his work.

The wooden decking surrounding the fuel pump was covered with diesel and very

slippery. The slip resulted in the worker breaking his ankle. The investigation that was conducted by HSE found that one of the pumps was leaking diesel onto the wooden decking causing a dangerous work condition, other drivers are reported to have slipped prior to the accident which caused the injury.

The Company was fined £3200.00 for failure to complete a suitable and sufficient risk assessment and £2400.00 under the Work-

place (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 for not providing a suitable flooring at its premises.

Costs were also awarded in the sum of £8951.00.

This case just goes to show that time spent conducting simple risk assessments and providing good quality training can save organisations very large sums of money and keep workers safe whilst at work.



FIRE AT FIRE COLLEGE

A serious fire recently broke out at the Fire Service College in Gloucestershire.

A building which houses 12 fire engines along with over 1000 litres of diesel was ablaze.

58 fire fighters were sent to tackle the blaze which has destroyed 11 of the fire engines at a cost £116,000 each.

No one was hurt during the blaze as the building was empty.

This story goes to show that fires can occur anywhere and at any time.

The key to good fire safety management is to ensure that you have completed a Fire Risk Assessment of your premises. This is a legal requirement under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Assessments should identify the potential for fires to occur, sources of fuel for fires, people at risk and more importantly the measures in place to de-

tect fires and raise the alarm. Your assessment will need to clearly state the actions to be taken by staff in a fire emergency such as how to raise the alarm, evacuate the premises and where the assembly point is.

CSSL can assist you in completing the required assessment. To discuss your own fire safety risk assessment please contact us on 01904 691299 or visit www.cssl.co.uk.

NEW AT CSSL

*We now provide
NEBOSH National
Certificate
Training*

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Driving At Work

If your employees drive Company cars or are required to drive their own cars on Company business you should ensure that you have taken the necessary steps to ensure that it is done legally and safely.

As an employer you should consider the following actions to be able to demonstrate that you have taken the necessary precautions to

protect employees and others who could be affected by their driving:

Do you have an effective road safety policy?

Have the relevant people been trained in its requirements?

Have you conducted a road risk assessment?

Have you checked that staff

have a valid driving licence?

Do you provide drivers medicals where required?

Do you check that staff using their own vehicles have suitable insurance?

For further information on driver safety and suitable risk assessments call us on 01904 691299.

