

News Letter



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A Happy, Safe and prosperous New Year to you all!

Based on last year, some simple reminders to keep in mind in order to trade within the law and to prevent an accident at your workplace:

Fire – the regulatory reform 2005 means that you **must** risk assess the workplace

There are two ways of addressing fire risks:

- Prevent it happening in the first place
- Prepare for and deal with the consequences if it does happen!

Prevention is always better than cure, but both are necessary for fire safety.

Precautionary measures depends on the size of the site/office complex/factory.

However small or large a risk assessment is always required – often only a simple assessment but required nevertheless.

- Reduce the amount of combustible material on site
- Store correctly and with thought
- Rubbish – get it away!
- Smoking kills – in more ways than one – ban it or have a safe designated area
- Electrics – get all portable tools and equipment regularly checked; do not overload sockets; do not 'by - pass' fuses or circuit breakers; ensure the electrical system is safe – get it checked out!
- Get extinguishers checked – and train your staff on how to actually use them!



Fire destroys lives, businesses and livelihoods – it is good management sense to address the potential for a fire and thus prevent it ever happening!!

If you require a 'one off' inspection and report – contact us on 01303 298345 – we are ready to respond immediately!

NEVER ASSUME – we at explorers have started a new campaign
“**NEVER ASSUME!**”

- **NEVER ASSUME** your instructions have been understood – check again!
- **NEVER ASSUME** a so – called expert is competent – check 'em out!
- **NEVER ASSUME** a pipe or cable has been isolated – check it!
- **NEVER ASSUME** your crew know what to do in an emergency – induct them!
- **NEVER ASSUME** all is safe in the workplace – assess it yourself

Transport – separate moving vehicles from pedestrians – they do not mix well!

- A simple paint job and you have a designated walk way to guide the walker clear of fork lift trucks, from delivery vehicles, from car parking....
- Consider the use of high visibility waistcoats in the area of transport movements – if the driver can see you he just, might, miss you!
- Barrier off visitor walkways from your yard
- Keep pedestrians out of vehicle movement areas altogether



Chemicals – read the blurb on the container!

- Only store according to the manufacturer's directions
- Keep flammable chemicals under lock and key and in a ventilated container
- Wear the correct protective gloves, masks etc.
- Ensure good hygiene – washing of hands and banning smoking whilst handling chemicals saves poisoning and chemical burns
- Keep work wear separate from personal clothing – contamination kills!



Be Safe!! Jerry Ridgway