

News Letter



Issue 5

WORKING AT HEIGHT

The right tool for the job – we all know that, so why is it that we have to go 'one step beyond' and end up yet another statistic for 'Falls from Height 2007'?

The Health & Safety Executive have tried to educate through various campaigns (all a bit weak) and to try to bring to attention the amount of injuries coming under 'falls from height' with no improvement noted;



The message is clear: "Use the right bit of kit for the work in hand – assess the work and DON'T try and be clever!"
A fall from any height can break bones or tear ligaments – none of us are working in order to damage ourselves – so why be an idiot and try to cut corners?!

DID YOU KNOW?

Explorer Associates Group really are at your service!

- We are pleased to quote for Company 'make over' inspections and recommendations
- We are also specialist stock auditors – comparing to computer listings/physical counts/ and, yes, recommendations
- We carry out training programmes in first aid, first aider (advanced), manual handling, management of H & S and many other tailor made sessions;
- We are site inspectors and reporters, CDM Co-ordinators, Principal Contractors;
- We have a superb track record in Project Management expertise;
- We are, in fact, all round 'good eggs' – you should try us!

FIRE! FIRE!

Whilst carrying out inspections under the new Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 – which came into force last October – our crew are reporting a general lack of attention being paid to fire fighting equipment: fire extinguishers well out of date, no drills undertaken (for some years in 2 cases!), untested alarm systems, blocked fire points, no signage.... A fire hazard waiting to happen!

Get your premises properly inspected and get a report that covers recommendations and improvements – it's in your own interest – you pyromaniac you!!



EVEN EXPERTS GET IT WRONG



It's a sobering thought – we rely on expertise to get specialist work done yet – again and again, we see the results due to these 'experts' not carrying out proper risk assessments for the work in hand – 'thinking ahead' is a management tool and applies to all work being planned.

Yes – we are all human BUT there is no excuse for 99% of accidents and 'things' going wrong – I only believe that 99% of humans are caused by accidents!!

WALKING THE TIGHTROPE

Modern commercial outfits are 'trimmed to the bone' and 'under pressure to perform' – ok.

Leaving to the last moment to abide by the Law – to think ahead – to read up on the latest legislation – to actually 'do something' about trading illegally....well, that's another matter!

- ANY Company employing 5 or more staff (full, part time, casual labour, contracted cleaners, even 'old Fred' who helps out now and then) **MUST** have a proper Company health and safety policy, statement and commitment to health, welfare and safety on their premises, the work place and areas influenced by their work;
- The premises will have an asbestos log;
- They will be inspected and assessed under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order 2005;
- Planned work must be risk assessed, a log kept and recorded;
- Emergency evacuation – regular drills and logs;
- There are first aider responsibilities;
- There will be H & S disciplines special to the work undertaken;



Are you walking the tightrope?

Get a Company makeover/inspection/report/recommendation on the Law and legislation as it affects you.....or fall off!