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JULY HEALTH & SAFETY BULLETIN

A manic period just passed as we settle into our plush new office, try and find all the files and paperwork so carefully packed in order – and now in disorder(!) – and to generally get to grips and pick up the business of the day!

So what's happening out there and what are the gripes, problems and hassles involving health and safety issues of late?

- **“B***** ‘elf an’ safety – by the time you’ve conformed to everything required – you’re out of business!”** Now here’s a disaster waiting to happen – 40 years in the trade and overdue for a really nasty accident! Wearing protective gear is mandatory on sites – is professional – is necessary – is a fact! Risk assessments force you to look at the work planned and make sure it’s as safe as you can get it.... You would be out of business if you cause a serious injury so don’t fight the rules – **WORK WITH ‘EM!!**
- **“Wats awl this parlarfar about fire regulations then?”** It’s down to you – the owner, director, senior manager etc. to ensure a safe environment for your team – and the public – including the provision of fire fighting equipment – in a tested condition – plus escape routes, emergency signage and emergency lighting – get assistance if it sounds daunting – it isn’t in reality but guidance costs little!
- **“My Company’s too small to need a trained first aider.”** The regulations one thing – a serious injury on the premises is quite another thing – **IF** you don’t know how to give immediate – and correct – assistance – what price a one day train course that gives a three year recognised certification? Under fifty quid!!

The HSE (bless!) have actually come up with a superb safety leaflet for the construction related industries – and much of the advice can be applied to all of us – we print it here for you!

Stay Safe!
Jerry

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