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NOVEMBER SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Thanks indeed to all the feedback I've been getting to this regular newsletter – good to hear that many of you use it as a 'toolbox talk' on the subjects covered as well as reminders of the dangers and hazards in simply running a business – nothing ever changes there!

October and November has tied our crew up with **project demolition management** taking place alongside a working food process plant (with all the necessary restrictions required), rethinking the handling of factory chemical storage and handling information under **COSHH** – (better get it right this time!): **Control of Substances Hazardous to Health**; many inspections under the **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) order 2005** where businesses and multi rise flats are still realising they need such a report – alongside asbestos logs – by Law plus running around and sorting out minor safety issues as they appear on the horizon of our clients including food hygiene, machinery lock off regs., manual handling risk assessments, asbestos awareness training (through our Associate Kevin Winder), competent person first aid training courses, working at height disciplines (the Law now states "Any height", so beware!) then wading through site initial inspections and risk assessments.

Many clients now have moved to 'self management on site' and require a back up check system to ensure they are 'doing it right'.....talk about being flexible, sometimes I think I'm bent double!!

I write the above as an indication of what goes round in the handling of safety in business – please ensure you never take your eye off the ball but visit the subject very regularly as part and parcel of your working life and not wait (with a sigh) until we telephone and say that it's time for your bi-annual site inspection and report!

Our members have access to our 'Members Pages' on our web site where a wealth of information, COSHH sheets, risk assessments and up dated information from the Health and Safety Executive and Environmental Agencies are there for your assistance and use – use it and improve your documentation on safety issues at your work...you know it makes sense!!

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A little paper bag was feeling unwell, so he took himself off to the doctors.

'Doctor, I don't feel too good,' said the little paper bag.

'Hmm, you look OK to me,' said the Doctor, 'but I'll do a blood test and see what that shows, Come back and see me in a couple of days.'

The little paper bag felt no better when he got back for the results. 'What's wrong with me?' asked the little paper bag.

'I'm afraid you are HIV positive!' said the doctor.

'No, I can't be - I'm just a little paper bag!' Said the little paper bag.

'Have you been having unprotected sex?' asked the doctor.

'NO, I can't do things like that - I'm just a little paper bag!'

'Well have you been sharing needles with other intravenous drug users?' asked the doctor.

'NO, I can't do things like that - I'm just a little paper bag!'

'Perhaps you've been abroad recently and required a jab or a blood transfusion?' queried the doctor.

'NO, I don't have a passport - I'm just a little paper bag!'

'Well', said the doctor, 'are you in a homosexual relationship?'

'NO! I told you I can't do things like that, I'm Just a little paper bag!'

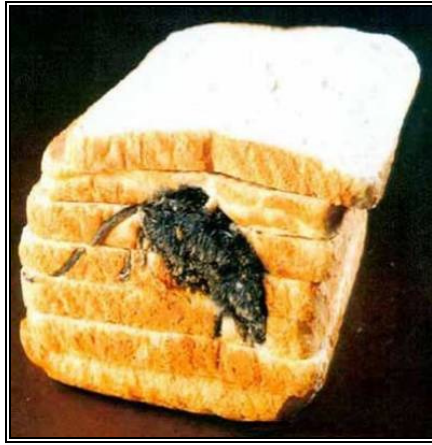
'Then there can be only one explanation.' said the doctor,

'Your mother must have been a carrier'

(Well, nothing to do with safety issues but made me smile)



When a contractor tells you that he is experienced and fully competent for the work proposed – check him out further – or prepare for grief and destruction!



Sorry – had your lunch yet?

Any relaxing of hygiene and processing disciplines can only lead to disaster!



Rambo changing a light bulb – no problem!

Be Safe Out There!
Jerry