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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Congratulations – you've made it to the end of 2011 – Happy Christmas and a safe New Year to you and yours!

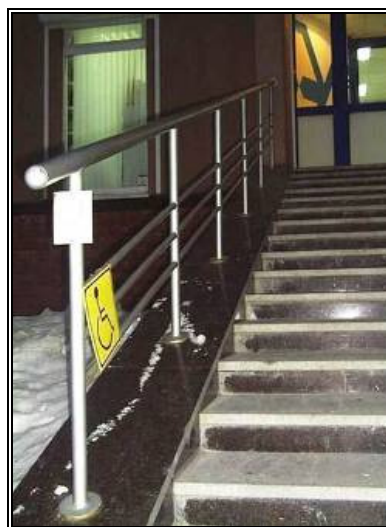
And what a year – tough or what?

Accidents that we couldn't dream of have happened; investigations producing outrageous bad habits / practise and – thankfully – inspections that have proved that at least some of our clients have taken heed of safety and health legislation (and, hopefully, taking note of our reporting!) and have improved the working environment – Hip Hip Hooray!!

So – my dear readers are waiting for the Annual roundup of horrors, humour in safety and of thought prompting messages – well let's go:



There is always another side to a safety message!



Disabled access clearly marked? Yup!!

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Over reaction to safety issues?



'Experts?' Check them out, thoroughly, before engaging!



Take time to risk assess your situation!



Christmas Spirit? Humbug!

With the Euro crisis staggering into the New Year – let's get some perspective:

Some years ago a small rural town in Spain twinned with a similar town in Greece. The Mayor of the Greek town visited the Spanish town. When he saw the palatial mansion belonging to the Spanish mayor he wondered how he could afford such a house. The Spaniard said; "You see that bridge over there? The EU gave us a grant to build a two-lane bridge, but by building a single lane bridge with traffic lights at either end this house could be built".

The following year the Spaniard visited the Greek town. He was simply amazed at the Greek Mayor's house, gold taps, marble floors, it was marvellous. When he asked how this could be afforded the Greek said; "You see that bridge over there?"

The Spaniard replied; "No.!!"

(My Knighthood has gone out the window yet again!)

So....whilst I'm in trouble and what follows has nothing at all to do with safety.....

1. The wife was counting all the 1p's and 2p's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself "She's going through the change."
2. When I was in the pub I heard a couple of dickheads saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexist berks. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the bloody thing!
3. Little Johnny is sitting in geography class when the teacher asks him, "Where is Pakistan?" He replies, "Outside playing with Paki-Dave".
4. Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter' who has stabbed six people in the arse in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.
5. Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!
6. A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

7. Murphy says to Paddy "What ya talkin to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"
8. Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.
9. 19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?" Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."
10. An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name is Bindair Dundat.
11. A Welsh Muslim was caught today having sex with a sheep. In his defence he said it was islam and he could do whatever he liked with it.

We reach the end of the year – my safety message is the same as last – don't, please, overload your sockets with extra lighting and dodgy flashing units that burn out after a couple of weeks – check your office for numbskulls drying their coats over radiators or leaving them lying in aisles causing trip hazards – ensure you have registered the key holder with the Police whilst closing down over the Holidays (do it anyway!) – check and check again that plugs are removed from sockets, walkways are cleared and if you have security then induct them as to where they patrol and where they can't (!) – drain down compressor units, test security lighting time clocks....

In fact – use that rarity called 'Common Sense' and make sure YOU have a secure and safe Holiday period this year!

My kind regards to all our readers – may you be safe and sound not only over Christmas but throughout 2012....The end of the World, remember, is December 21st 2012 – we will be invoicing early next November and expect immediate settlement!!

Yours – as ever

Jerry



Older, wiser through other people's mishaps and... er....Older!