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SAFETY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

Well – here we go following a very interesting (for us!) January and looking towards, maybe, a Springtime ahead.....but currently cold, dank and getting wetter!

I say “A very interesting January” since we seem to have been continually quoting for new project management work, investigating unnecessary accidents and chasing overdue payments from Companies who *insisted* we dropped everything and assisted them due to an emergency or a sudden project oversee on site yet cannot process, smoothly, our invoices once completed – I’m getting very fed up with the UK – right now!

Then I read from an information source to Company Management the following:

“A recent survey conducted by ‘Simply business’ has discovered that 46% of Companies which are legally required to have a health and safety policy are failing to meet this obligation.”

How crazy is that?

Under the **Health & Safety (Offences) Act 2008** the maximum penalty for this breach is a **£20,000** fine **PLUS** up to **12 months** imprisonment, **or both!!**

A policy doesn’t, and shouldn’t, be complicated and you can even be guided via the HSE web site – or contact us and we will assist – for free if you are a ‘small’ operation under 10 personnel or for a small fee for a company up to, say, 25 crew – whatever – GET LEGAL !!



This is a safety issue – when an ‘expert’ says he / she is just thatdig deeper!
....and never buy a one day old antique table!!!

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Again – an expert (this time a farmer) who understands his trade in depth and NEVER makes an error.... wrong!

I am fed up (to a degree!) in investigating accidents and near misses involving trade guys who have been in their expertise for decades yet STILL foul up and cause injury and grief....none of us can ever be complacent in the workplace and nor should we...

Worth a tool box talk to your crew on the subject?



I rest my case concerning idiots at work.



Yes – my favourite subject – ladders and step ladders....and the resulting gravity issue

Here we have 'matey' extending, in his enthusiasm, by tying on an extension 'Heath Robinson' style....would you go up it???!

Words of 'Wisdom' incoming from my maniac contacts recently:

Never argue with an idiot. He'll drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT A BUCKET SEAT IS

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Now you know.

I have to keep asking myself "Am I the only one who thinks safety first?!"



Just couldn't help but smile here!



...and had a chuckle here, too!



'Nuff said

AND FINALLY:

We're about to start our regular inspections and reporting on workshops, canteens, offices, shops, project sites etc.

Can I PLEASE request that the following is checked and brought up to date prior to our Officer checking? Mucho Thanks!

- First aid kits – check the bandages, eye washes and everything else for 'out of date' signage...and replace the damn things!
- Your COSHH cupboard: have chemicals, paints, solvents properly stored with the COSHH sheets readily to hand; the cupboard marked up and warning signs, as necessary, clearly displayed
- Oil spills – a big 'no no'....and where are your spill kits kept?!
- Pedestrian walkways – a little yellow paint spells safety!
- Trailing leads – none, thank you!
- Cleanliness – essential – separate food and drink from the workbench...just look at your hands!

Good housekeeping – prevents slips and falls and – spookily – saves accidents!



Flying – so safe – so cattle market – so Naff!!

Be Safe As You Can Out There!!

Jerry



'Cos I'm watching you!!