

# Health & Safety Insight - Issue 11

## Snapshot of what's happening in the world of health and safety

The CIP Health & Safety Insight is a bimonthly update of what's happening around the health and safety agenda within the built environment. It's free and open to everyone. Some content is only available to subscribers of the CIP Health and Safety Manual and CIP Knowledge.

### News & Policy Updates

#### HSE cracks down hard on dust



HSE's inspectors across Great Britain are targeting construction firms to check that their health standards are up to scratch. HSE dust checks will take place during a month-long inspection initiative, which begins on Monday 4 October 2021.

This year, inspections will focus on respiratory risks and occupational lung disease. As a result, inspectors will be looking at the control measures businesses have in place to protect workers' lungs from construction dust, including silica, asbestos and wood dust.

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#### Fit-out contractor fined after an employee suffered multiple fractures



A fit-out contractor has been fined because an employee suffered multiple fractures after falling fifteen feet from scaffolding.

Manchester Magistrates Court heard on 24 October 2019, an employee of TA Knox Shopfitters Ltd was working from a tower scaffold at the front of the Footasylum Store in the Trafford Centre, Manchester.

When the scaffold moved, it threw him off balance. Subsequently, he fell back against the safety rail of the [scaffold](#). As a result, the scaffold gave way and he fell fifteen feet to the ground. The employee suffered ten fractured ribs, a fractured shoulder, and a collapsed lung.

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### Mental Health Standard

A new international standard on mental health, **ISO 45003**, has been published to provide guidance on managing the psychological health of the workforce as part of an occupational H&S management system. It is available free of charge to **SMEs** and other organisations can purchase it from BSI.

#### CIP publishes Part 5 of it's Mental Health Blog – Supporting Mental Health and the Return to Work



Wellbeing at Work is a vast topic. There is a wealth of information and for any organisation just getting to grips with mental health support in the workplace, it can be difficult to know where to start. CIP is looking at this important topic in six parts across the year and Part five has just been published.

Part 1 focused on the importance of mentally healthy workplaces. Part 2 looked at organisation culture and workplace wellbeing. Part 3 looked at prioritising mental health at work and Part 4 implementing wellbeing strategies.

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#### HSE eBulletin: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – latest advice and information

An update on the latest information for employers and employees in the construction industry, including details of advice and guidance around the coronavirus outbreak.

[Check the HSE website daily for the latest updates.](#)

#### Ardmore installs sprinkler system to control dust



**Ardmore has installed a sprinkler system to control harmful construction dust produced during the recycling process.**

Construction dust can cause lung cancer, asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and silicosis to name a few.

Construction workers are the most exposed to developing these diseases because many common construction tasks can create a large amount of dust. In particular, dust circulates during the waste disposal and recycling processes.

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### Dates for the diary...



**Safety and Health Expo**  
17th – 19th May 2022  
London Excel



**Safety Health & Wellbeing**  
Live 15-16/02/22 Manchester 28-29/09/22  
Farnborough International

**For more best practice ideas on how to meet the challenges posed by the pandemic on your site visit the [Considerate Constructors Scheme Best Practice Hub](#)**

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