

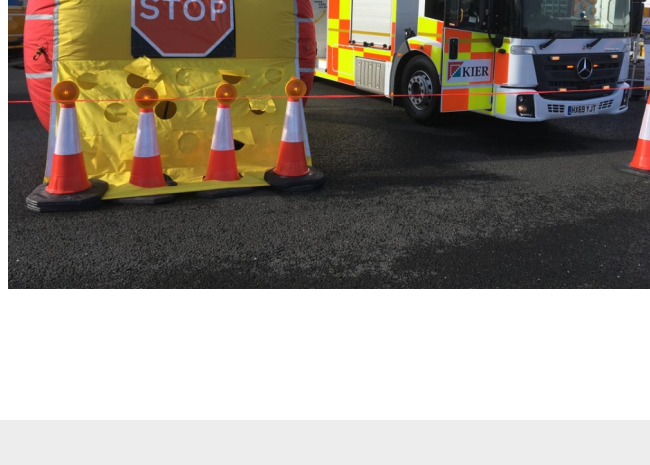
Health & Safety Insight - Issue 5

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

Kier trials highways lane closure airbags



Kier is trialling inflatable safety barriers that can be put up in a matter of minutes to help protect road workers.

The new airbags will be used in the Midlands in a bid to reduce the number of motorists who mistakenly drive into work areas, putting the drivers and road workers at risk.

The inflatable barrier is in addition to cones and signs, adding another layer to the traditional traffic management to influence drivers' behaviour and prevent vehicle incursions.

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Revised Tower Crane Guidance from the Construction Plant-Hire Association's (CPA) Tower Crane Interest Group (TCIG)



The CPA's TCIG has revised its tower crane guidance in a Technical Information Note (TIN031) managing the design, construction and inspection of tower crane bases, grillages, and ties.

This document is intended to promote the safe design and construction of tower crane bases, grillages and ties through an improved understanding and management of temporary works design, construction, and installation process.

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New guidance on the use of face coverings in construction



The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has announced new guidance on face coverings on construction sites.

The Use of Face Coverings in Construction during Coronavirus (COVID-19) now recommends that face coverings are worn where workers on site are not required to wear Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) and their workplace (which may include welfare and changing facilities, office or meetings rooms) meets all of the following criteria:

- an enclosed space;
- where social distancing isn't always possible; and
- where they come into contact with others they do not normally meet.

In line with Government guidance on premises providing hospitality, face coverings must be worn in site canteens except when seated at a table to eat or drink.

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.](#)

Revised guidance on hoardings from the TWf



The Temporary Works Forum (TWf) has revised its guidance on hoardings.

This guidance note from the Temporary Works Forum (TWf) is written to assist all parties involved in construction to understand the key issues, and to give specific assistance to those specifying, managing, designing and installing these structures.

Hoarding design can be complex and needs engineering judgement.

The designer should have a level of competence commensurate with the complexity. All hoarding designs should be independently checked.

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New guidance from the TWf on the effective management of scaffolding to BS 5975: 2019



The Temporary Works Forum (TWf) has published guidance on the "Effective management of scaffolding to BS 5975: 2019" (Document: TWf2020: 01, September 2020).

The guide provides advice on the temporary works management procedures required and highlights the need for all those involved to understand the roles, responsibilities and procedures from concept and procurement, through to its assembly, inspection, alteration and removal. The guide applies to organisations and individuals involved in specifying, procuring, designing, constructing and managing scaffold.

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CITB launches new ecourse platform



Training and development is one of CITB's three key strategic priorities and they are committed to working with the construction industry to provide the skills and training needed, now and into the future.

To meet industry needs, and in response to research conducted before the current crisis, CITB has launched an online eLearning solution – CITB eCourses.

CITB eCourses allow employees who are unable to access traditional training to learn at their own pace, any time, anywhere. All you need is a computer and a few hours to study and take the exam.

- The first three courses available are:
- Setting up and operating a safe construction site during COVID-19
- Health and Safety Awareness
- The Site management environmental training scheme (SMETS)

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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](#)

Pay monthly for CIP Knowledge – the online Construction Health and Safety

CIP Knowledge now includes a raft of updates to ensure you stay ahead of the latest H&S legislation, policy and guidance and costs start from just £37 per month.

The latest updates include

- A new Health section to reflect the current thinking within Health and Safety that health issues should be viewed on an equal footing to safety.
- Work at Height – a completely revised and re-ordered section following the logic of the hierarchy of control of risk as set out in the Work at Height Regulations. The Appendix on Tube and Fittings Scaffolding has been updated by the NASC.
- Suspended Access Equipment – a review and update covering both Temporary and Permanent equipment types and the addition of new images, assisted by SAEMA the trade association committed to advancing safety, standards, and best practice in the temporary and permanent suspended access industry.
- General updates to the Training and An Introduction to the Law sections.

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Dates for the diary...



Safety in Construction Show
25 February 2021
Hollywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough



The Health and Safety Event
27-29 April 2021
Birmingham NEC



Safety and Health Expo
18-20 May 2021
London Excel

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