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Health & Safety Insight - Issue 3

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



Roads contractors told to halve accident rates

Highways England has challenged its supply chain contractors to halve accident frequency rates. Contractors are being told to adopt a new set of common standards, which involves investment in greater data capture and more focus on designs that avoid the need to work over/under/adjacent to live utilities.





Legionella risks during the coronavirus outbreak

Employers, the self-employed and people in control of premises, such as landlords, have a duty to identify and control risks associated with legionella.

The HSE are advising that If your building was closed or has reduced occupancy during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, water system stagnation can occur due to lack of use, increasing the risks of Legionnaires' disease, therefore you should review your risk assessment and manage the legionella risks to protect people when the water system is reinstated or returned to use.





For all the latest information from Build UK on Covid 19 click here



COVID 19 Update from Build UK

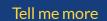
The Prime Minister announced further changes to lockdown measures in England from Saturday 4 July 2020. This includes allowing people to keep a social distance of 'one metre plus' where it is not possible to stay two metres apart, provided that mitigation measures are in place to reduce the risk of transmission. The Government has updated it's guidance on "Working Safely During COVID-19 in Construction and Other Outdoor Work" for businesses, and the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has reviewed and updated the Site **Operating Procedures.**

The data from Constructionline also indicates that an increasing number of sites in Scotland are resuming work after the Scottish Government confirmed that the industry could move to Phase 3 of the Construction Re-Start Plan. The Scottish **Construction Industry Coronavirus Forum** has released an updated version of its Site **Operating Procedures clarifying that Health** Protection Scotland does not recommend the wearing of face masks or undertaking temperature testing at work.



HSE safety alert issued against KN95 facemask

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning against the use of KN95 face masks as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). A safety alert was issued on Thursday 11 June 2020, urging all employers and suppliers not to purchase or use KN95 facemasks as PPE.



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.



Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity joins forces with Safer **Highways to tackle Mental Health**

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity and Building Mental Health have joined forces with Safer Highways in what the organisations have described as 'collaborative thinking on mental wellbeing'.

As construction gets back to work and faces the challenges of trying to operate under the new pandemic protocols, many of the workforce are said to be anxious about the safety of their work environment. Now, more than ever it is vitally important to ensure that every company and building site has some level of mental wellbeing support to help the workforce through this difficult period.



Coronavirus Best Practice Examples from the Considerate Constructors Best Practice Hub Innovative Site Entrance Signage

DeTrafford Construction have been working collaboratively with their supply chain to assess all aspects of their site activities and address the changes that need to be made to comply with restrictions imposed on them. Every site entrance has been carefully planned to ensure people can get in and out safely, with a clear message to remind them all to stay safe.



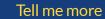


Sinks at Turnstiles

The Berkley Group due to the nature of the recent pandemic and the concerns for safety when entering/exiting site, decided to install sinks with soap and blue roll either side of the turnstiles to ensure hygiene is at its best when coming into and leaving site.



Along with the above the Berkley Group are requiring our contractors to promote 2m requirements on their high-vis vests. This has been effective as it has provided clear identification on site and can be rolled out across the construction industry on other sites, so that any marshalls, managers, inspectors, visitors or members of the general public can see that construction companies are following government guidelines with regards to social distancing measures and any exceptions to the 2m rule.



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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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...



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

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