

Health & Safety Insight - Issue 7

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

Protecting Home Workers during the Coronavirus Pandemic



The HSE has guidance on it's website for those companies who have people working from home as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The issues to be considered include:
lone working without supervision
working with display screen equipment (DSE) keeping in touch to recognise signs of stress and mental health problems

Click [here](#) to read the HSE Advice how to deal with these issues.

[HSE ADVICE](#)

HSE spot checks and inspections continue during national lockdown



During lockdown, HSE will continue to carry out spot checks and inspections on businesses and will be increasing the number of calls and visits to check COVID-secure measures have been implemented in accordance with government guidance.

To protect workers, visitors and customers, employers must make sure that everyone is following the measures that have been put in place to manage the risks from coronavirus.

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Coronavirus 'Grace' Periods



The grace period for [Site Management Safety Training Scheme \(SMSTS\)](#) and [Site Supervisors' Safety Training Scheme \(SSSTS\)](#) certificates that have expired since 1 October 2020 has now been extended until 30 April 2021. For certificates that expired between 15 March and 30 September 2020, the grace period ended on 31 January 2021. Individuals must ensure they have successfully completed the appropriate refresher course by the relevant date, otherwise they will need to sit the full course again.

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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.](#)

Builder crushed by falling pile of plasterboards



The director of a construction company has been sentenced after a subcontractor suffered serious injuries when a stack of plasterboards fell on him at a site in Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Brighton Magistrates' Court heard that on 12 April 2019, subcontractors were moving sheets of plasterboard weighing 32kg each from the ground floor to the second floor of a house undergoing refurbishment.

[READ THE FULL STORY](#)

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](#)

CIP H&S Manual Updates – December 2020

The CIP H&S Manual Updates amendment packs will be sent out to subscribers this month. The latest update to the [CIP Construction Health and Safety Manual](#) includes the following:

- Site Logistics and Planning – a new section on the use of mobile devices on site; new guidance on the role of the plant / vehicle marshals on site; an update to the CLOCs reference documents; and a new appendix containing all COVID 19 related information.
- New legislation in the Register of Legislation to prepare for BREXIT
- Asbestos – a new table summarising differences between Licensed work, Non-Licensed Work and Notifiable Non-Licensed Work, as well as a new table on Medicals, and a general update throughout.

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Dates for the diary...



Safety and Health Expo
12-14 JULY 2021
London Excel



The Health and Safety Event
7-9 September 2021
Birmingham NEC

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