

# HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

## SWSC Joins Leading Asbestos Training Organisation

Although our Asbestos Awareness training has always entirely satisfied the requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 and will continue to do so after April (see story on this page), SWSC Consultancy has now joined IATP - one of the UK's leading organisations for asbestos training providers.

In order to satisfy stringent membership requirements for IATP, our training course is independently audited by an expert, to ensure it is compliant with all requirements of the Regulations and the Approved Code of Practice (ACoP).



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Use of the IATP Logo on our training certificates will demonstrate to Client organisations and the HSE that the certificate holder has been trained by a competent trainer and

in line with an independently audited training syllabus. IATP is recognised by HSE as a source for training providers and is mentioned in HSE publications (e.g. HSG210).

SWSC Clients will also be pleased to learn that this additional benefit is provided at no extra cost.

Our training is available as in-house courses for groups of employees (usually up to fifteen delegates), or as open courses in various venues around South, West and Mid Wales. If you would like more information about these or our other training courses, please contact us. Our contact details are provided overleaf.

### Identity/security Cards now available from SWSC

Contractors and other people whose work takes them away from their own offices or premises are often asked to provide some form of identification. This is particularly the case when working in or visiting schools, hospitals and suchlike.

We are pleased to announce

#### Scaffold Inspection Training



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that you can now purchase bespoke ID Cards for your personnel from SWSC.

According to your specific requirements, the cards can contain a Company logo, a photograph and a signature strip.

If you would like more details about the types of cards available and their cost (from £3.50 plus set up costs), please contact our offices.

### New Control of Asbestos Regulations come into force in April

The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 will be introduced on 6th April 2012.

The main change to the Regulations is the introduction of a requirement to notify HSE before commencing some non-licensable work with asbestos. Another significant change is that employers will have to ensure workers involved in this work receive regular health checks and that



proper records are kept.

A new Approved Code of Practice (ACoP) will not be available before the Regulations come into force, but if you need any information about the changes to the Regulations, we will be happy to help.

You can download the Regulations at [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/632/pdfs/ukxi\\_20120632\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/632/pdfs/ukxi_20120632_en.pdf)

## RIDDOR CHANGES

From the 6th April 2012, changes to the RIDDOR Regulations mean that it is no longer necessary to report "over three-day" injuries. In future, it will only be necessary to submit a report if an employee is incapacitated for a period of seven days (not including the day on which the injury reported).

# RIDDOR

The report must be made within fifteen days from the day of the accident and must now be submitted online. Form 2508 is no longer required.

We recommend to clients that if an accident occurs that is, or may become, reportable, they contact these offices. We can often assist with determining whether or not an accident is reportable and, if so, assist with making the report.

## ASBESTOS SURVEYOR FINED FOR FAILINGS

A Cardiff company has been fined for putting the health of demolition workers at risk after a building survey failed to identify the presence of asbestos.



Between 15 and 25 January 2010 PHH Environmental (UK) Ltd was commissioned to

produce an asbestos survey on the soon to be demolished Old Castle Cinema in Merthyr Tydfil.

Merthyr Tydfil Magistrates' Court heard that PHH's client relied on this survey to help its demolition company plan the work. But once demolition was underway, workers discovered asbestos and found they had disturbed it.

PHH Environmental (UK) Limited, of Titan House, Cardiff Bay Business Centre, Lewis Road, Cardiff, pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay costs of £3,000.

## HSE "FEE FOR INTERVENTION" SCHEME POSTPONED

In our last Newsletter, we reported that the HSE intended to start charging businesses for the time they spend investigating and enforcing health and safety infringements.



This will still go ahead but not, as originally planned, in April 2012. The official stance is that it will be introduced at "the next available opportunity," probably October 2012. The rate for charging has been decided and will commence at £124.00 per hour of the Inspector's time.

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### SOME OF OUR AVAILABLE H&S TRAINING COURSES

Face-fit testing for RPE

Principles of Fire Risk Assessment for Construction Sites

ACMs - Category B (Planned Work with Asbestos Containing Materials)

ACMs - Category A (Asbestos Awareness)

Directors Responsibilities in Health & Safety

ConstructionSkills Site Safety Plus Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)



ConstructionSkills Site Safety Plus Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) - Refresher

Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)

Basic Health & Safety Awareness

Basic Work in Confined Spaces

Work at Height

Work at Height & Use of Harnesses

Manual Handling

Basic Awareness of HAV

Basic Health & Safety Awareness for Office Staff Employees