



HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

CDM 2015 - Big Changes On The Way

The 6th April 2015 will see the introduction of the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015, which will replace the 2007 Regulations. They apply to all building and construction projects, regardless of the size, duration and nature of the work.

The most significant change is the removal of the role of the CDM Coordinator and the creation of a new role, - the Principal Designer. This means that legal responsibility for the coordination of the pre-construction phase will rest with a member of the existing design team. Additional duties are also placed on Clients, who are recognised as having significant influence and importance for construction projects, being at the head of the supply chain and therefore best placed to set



appropriate standards throughout the project.

Although the criteria for notification to HSE have changed, the need for notification no longer triggers additional responsibilities, as it did for the 2007 Regulations. This means that the entire Regulations apply to a construction project irrespective of the need to notify it (or not). CDM 2015 will also place duties on previously exempt domestic clients.

A Principal Designer and Principal Contractor must be appointed for all construction work where more than one contractor is involved. In addition, a Construction Phase Plan must be prepared for all projects and a health & safety file for all projects involving more than one contractor.

South Wales Safety Consultancy are already working closely with Designers, Clients and Contractors to ease the transition from the old to the new. If you would like any further information about the new Regulations and the assistance we can offer you, please get in touch.

SWSC Launch Free Mobile Phone App

As part of ongoing improvement of client communication systems, we are pleased to announce the launch of our latest mobile



phone and tablet App.

The App is available for the Apple, Android & Kindle platforms and can be used to keep up with the latest safety news, check our forthcoming safety training courses and even guide you to our offices, with new features being added over the coming months.

Please check your appropriate App Store to download the App, or you can click on the link on the home page of our website.

You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter.

New employee handbooks available from SWSC

Our new health and safety handbook for employees just got better!

It is now available as a professionally printed guide for employees, packed with useful information and safety procedures. It is the perfect document to complement your health & safety policy and procedures manual and assist with your duty to provide



information to workers.

The handbooks are printed on the front cover with your personalised logo and your contact details on the rear cover. It is available in three versions - General Construction, M&E or Scaffolding and represents great value for money, from only £2.80 per copy (dependent on numbers ordered). Please visit our website or call us for more details.

HSE PUBLISH LATEST ACCIDENT & ILLNESS STATISTICS

According to HSE figures, there were 133 deaths at work last year and 79,500 injuries were formally reported though RIDDOR. The figures for people becoming ill as a result of their work were recorded as a staggering 1.1 million.



Most at risk are those working in the construction, manufacturing, waste and recycling industries, with agriculture also giving significant cause for concern.

The main contributing factors in the injury figures were work at height, poorly guarded



equipment & machinery and failure to adequately manage workplace transport. It tends to be the same main factors involved every year, which indicates that despite the overall improvement, there is still room for further improvements in workplace safety.

SWCSG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

South Wales Construction Safety Group will hold their 43rd Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March (3.45pm start) at Taff's Well Rugby Club. There will be a buffet from 3pm.



Following the business of the AGM, Mr Paul Harvey, HSE Principal Inspector (Construction) will provide a resumé of topical issues relating to the construction industry. This will include:

- Update in HSE Policy
- HSE's 2015/16 Work Plan, which will include
 - Asbestos
 - Health
 - Temporary Works
 - Demolition
- Current enforcement policy
- Recent court and enforcement action
- Outline of the new CDM Regulations
- Leadership

There will also be a Q&A session, so you will get the opportunity to put your questions to Paul in an informal setting.

These events are always well attended, so if you would like to come along, please let us know in advance, so that we can make the appropriate catering arrangements.

If you would like to join the group or receive further information about SWCSG and their regular meetings, we will be pleased to oblige.

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Face-fit training & testing for RPE

Basic Scaffold Inspection

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

ACMs - Category A (Asbestos Awareness)

Directors & Senior Managers Responsibilities in Health & Safety

CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) [& Refresher]



ECA Accredited Operative & New Entrant Health & Safety Awareness Training

CITB Site Supervisors Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) [& Refresher]

CITB 1-day Health & Safety Awareness

Basic Work in Confined Spaces

Work at Height

Work at Height & Use of Harnesses

Manual Handling

Basic Awareness of HAV