



HEALTH & SAFETY

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Publications

➤ **Safety Rep**

Is a monthly Publication from Labour Research Department (LRD) which brings together the health and safety and environmental news published in their magazines Labour Research and Bargaining Report, together with new material. It is aimed at Safety Reps who may not currently see LRD's other Publications and has been launched to help keep them up to date with the latest developments. One subscription to the four page bulletin costs £19.00, but there are substantial discounts on bulk orders. For example, for orders over 300 the price per subscription is £7.22. For details of LRD services and publications call: 020 7928 3649. Fax: 020 7928 0621.

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➤ **Hazards**

The only UK Health and Safety Magazine to win a major international award for its outstanding achievement in the field of occupational health and safety. It is also supported by the TUC as a key source of information for union safety reps. It is bigger than the Safety Rep The only UK Health and Safety Magazine to win a major international award for its outstanding achievement in the field of occupational and glossier, but it is quarterly rather than monthly. Special trade union rates bring the annual sub rate down to £10 from £22; and bulk orders bring huge discounts eg 5-10 subs work out £6.40 each; 11-50 subs work out £5.20 each and super sub rates for Trade Unions can reduce the sub rate by almost 90%. To subscribe to "Hazards" or for further details contact Jawad Qasrawi on 0114 276 5695 Email: sub@hazards.org.uk or Website www.hazards.org Address "Hazards", PO. Box 199, Sheffield, England. S1 4YL.

➤ **Risks - TUC**

The TUC free weekly e-bulletin on health and safety is a brilliant way to keep up to date with health and safety issues both in England and internationally. Sign up at www.tuc.org.uk/register

➤ **Hazards at Work -TUC**

This TUC guide to health and safety has over 300 pages of easy to read text with annual updates with the latest information. It summarises the law and can be used as a trade union checklist. It is backed up by the TUC health and safety website. Just £20 for trade unionists (£10 on TUC courses), and prices are less for bulk orders. Annual updates cost £5. For

details ring 0207 476 1321 or TUC publications, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS.

➤ **COSHH Essentials**

HSE Guidance Booklet entitled “COSHH Essentials” has been developed to help employers to comply with the law on chemicals. It is especially useful to small and medium enterprises such as engineering firms or manufacturers who use chemicals. Available from HSE Books. – see details below

HSE free interactive COSHH site www.cossh-essentials.org.uk

TUC guide to COSHH: “Clean up with COSHH” 2000. £5.00 from TUC publications. Telephone 0207 467 1294.

The T&G run Cossh short courses for Safety Reps and members – Contact T&G Regional Education Officers.

➤ **Internet Sites and Information**

➤ **Trades Union Congress - TUC** www.tuc.org.uk

TUC provides information and advice to Trade Union Safety Representatives. Also produces guidance, publications for employers and employees. Telephone number: 020 7636 4030. Fax: 020 7636 0632.

TUC’s excellent health and safety section can be found at www.tuc.org.uk It features TUC Policy Statements and online version of the “TUC Hazards at Work” Handbook. Updated on a weekly basis and aimed at safety reps.

➤ **Health and Safety Executive - HSE** www.hse.gov.uk

The HSE are responsible for enforcing health and safety law in the UK. They provide guidance on complying with safety laws and offer advice on occupational health through Employment Medical Advisory Service. Accidents at work in England and Wales are reportable under Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 and should be reported to the local HSE Area Office.

HSE website features online and downloadable documents and statistics, publications, catalogues, press releases, search facility and links.

HSE Infoline: Guidance and information on health and safety at work by telephone 0870 154 5500, fax 02920 859260 and email - hseinformationservices@natbrit.com

HSE Books: www.hsebooks.co.uk

Free and priced Health and Safety leaflets and booklets: Telephone: 01787 881165. Fax: 01787 313995.

HSE Videos: Sales and hire of Health and Safety Training Videos. Telephone: 0845 741 9411 Fax: 01937 541083.

HSE Statistical Service - fact sheets on work-related injuries and ill health. Telephone: 0151 951 4842 Fax: 0151 951 3827.

HSE Scottish Regional Hotline: Telephone line for Scottish employers to report accidents
Telephone: 0845 277 0277.

Health and Safety Executive HSENI (Northern Ireland)– www.hseni.gov.uk

Responsible for enforcing health and safety laws in Northern Ireland. Telephone: 028 9024 3249. Fax: 028 9023 5383.

Health and Safety Authority HSA (Republic of Ireland) - www.hsa.ie

The HSA has overall responsibility for administration and enforcement of health and safety in Ireland. Telephone: (01) 614 7000 Fax: (01) 614 7020

Institution of Occupational Safety and Health IOSH - www.iosh.co.uk

This features policy documents and datasheets, an online forum, publication list, press releases and links to other websites.

European Agency Safety and Health at Work - <http://osha.eu.int>

This site provides easy access to safety and health information both from the Agency, the member States, the European and International Organisation and from Safety and Health sources worldwide.

➤ **The Healthy Workplace Initiative** www.signupweb.net

This features online downloadable documents, press releases and a search facility link. It is located on the Department of Health Website and the Site also provides links to information about issues such as occupational health.

➤ **Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents ROSPA** - www.rosipa.co.uk

This is a well-known safety organisation. The site includes useful information about road safety, driving courses, and driving for work amongst great many other subjects.

➤ **London Hazards Centre** - www.lhc.org.uk

This Site includes a number of useful fact sheets on a variety of issues ranging from occupational health of men and women and body mapping.

➤ **British Standards Institution BSI** - www.bsi-global.com.

Produce standards relating to health and safety equipment and installation.
Telephone: 020 8996 9001. Fax: 020 8996 7001.

➤ **The Stationery Office** - www.tso.co.uk bookshops:
www.tsobookshops.co.uk

Produces publications including Health and Safety Regulations inquiries/orders
Telephone number: 0870 600 5522. Fax: 0870 600 5533.

➤ **Fire Protection Association FPA - www.thefpa.co.uk**

Provides free basic information on workplace fire safety but may levy a charge for more detailed searches. It also produces guidance publications of videos and fire safety. Telephone: 020 7902 5300. Fax: 020 7902 5301.

➤ **Environment Agency - www.environment-agency.gov.uk**

They are responsible for enforcing the majority of environmental legislation in England and Wales. They also provide advice on environmental best practice and produces free guidance leaflets.

General enquiry line: Telephone number: 0845 933 3111

Free 24-hour hotline for reporting environmental incidents telephone number: 0800 807 060.

➤ **Scottish Environment Protection Agency SEPA - www.sepa.org.uk**

They are responsible for enforcing environmental legislation in Scotland. Also provides advice for employers on environmental matters and produces guidance publications.

Telephone number: 01786 457 700. Fax: 01786 446 885

Free 24-hour hotline for reporting environmental incidents telephone number: 0800 807060.

➤ **Envirowise and Action Energy - Government Helplines -**

www.envirowise.gov.uk and www.actionenergy.org.uk Free confidential consultancy advice to commerce and industry on best practice either by telephone or site visit depending on the circumstance - to help companies tackle environmental and energy management issues. Also provide free guidance publications on waste minimisation and energy efficiency. Telephone 0800 585794 for both.

➤ **NHS Plus www.nhsplus.nhs.uk**

Very useful information for both employers and employees on occupational health issues.

➤ **Working Well Together – Construction Industry Health and Safety Advice <http://wwt.uk.com>**

HSE has put together easy-to-follow health and safety advice for the construction industry on this new site, based on their current guidance.

➤ **T&G Regional Women's Organisers**

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