

Current work in the Hub

The following new raising the bar documents have been finalised and have been published on the Highways Agency's website:

- Loading / unloading vehicles
- Design for safety

Two of the current raising the bar documents have been reviewed and have been published on the Highways Agency's website

- Traffic management entry and exit
- Temporary safety barrier

These documents have been updated to reflect the latest best practice within the industry and all suppliers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the changes and implement measures accordingly.

It is expected that the following documents will be published on the Highways Agency's website soon

- Plant and equipment
- Electrical safety
- Man / machine interface

Work now looks to review the following raising the bar guidance documents

- Behavioural based safety
- Caravan/temporary sleeping accommodation
- Overhead services and structures protection
- Manual handling

We welcome any constructive feedback so if you wish to get involved please send your comments to DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Current raising the bar guidance documents are available on the Highways Agency website:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/major-projects-delivery-hub-health-safety-action-group/>

BSA industry charter

The batched on site association (BSA) has announced the launch of it's first-ever industry charter, including a declaration of adherence to be signed by all members. The BSA is the self-regulating body representing the UK's mobile batching plant operators, colloquially known as volumetrics.

Due to the specialist nature of mobile batching plants, these vehicles operate outside a small number of regulations which apply to HGVs, but with the intention to proactively increase road safety, the BSA has implemented a number of new obligations on its members.

The charter clearly sets out the legal status of volumetrics and provides good-practice guidance in a number of areas, including vehicle maintenance, safe loading, and driver training. It also provides specific guidelines on the introduction of under-run bars to increase cycle safety.

The declaration, which all BSA members must abide by, confirms that members will, among other



requirements, undertake: regular maintenance safety inspections; daily pre-use inspections; will not operate vehicles over design weight; and operatives will be HGV qualified and receive annual refresher training.

The Highways Agency's minimum requirements for volumetric mixers are contained within the raising the bar guidance [B1 plant and equipment](#).

Highways Agency alerts:

[HA130 - Broken knee cap](#)

[HA131 - Auger drilling](#)

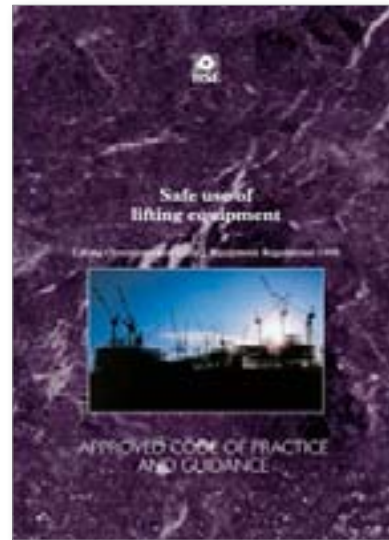
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/highways-agency-safety-alerts/>

Health and Safety Executive news



Consultation

The Health and Safety Executive are currently seeking views on the revised version of the approved code of practice (L101) relating to the *Confined Spaces Regulations 1997* and the revised version of the approved code of practice (L113) relating to the *Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998* (LOLER). These revisions follow the agreement to review such documents identified by Professor Ragnar Löfstedt.



The amendments proposed are designed to bring the documents up to date with regulatory and other changes and to make the understanding and use of the documents easier, particularly with clarifying the definitions. The amendments also accommodate suggestions made in the earlier consultations in September 2012.

Full details can be found here <http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/live.htm>

Creating a level playing field

It is often claimed it is not a 'level playing field' when it comes to securing construction contracts. Contractor's undercutting competitors by ignoring health and safety responsibilities is cited as one of the reasons. The poor management of health risks observed in many road and highway construction and maintenance sites is considered a direct result of this.

While the evidence is anecdotal it can be envisaged that pressures to win contracts may mean that contractors could identify the money spent on health and safety as a means to cutting costs. To try to remedy the Health and Safety Executive are planning two workshops to explore these issues. They will be held in Tameside and London on the 5 November 2014 and 27 January 2015 respectively.

If you would like to attend this event please email prhlaunch@hse.gsi.gov.uk by 19 September 2014.

The HASAW Act turns 40

On the 40th anniversary of the health and safety at work act recent figures have been released showing the number of people who lose their lives at work has dropped sharply by 85 percent over the past forty years, from more than 650 every year in 1974 to a record low of 133 today.

The number of injuries at work has also reduced considerably by 77 percent over the same time period, from 336,701 to 78,222. The statistics illustrate the enormous impact of the *Health and Safety at Work Act 1974* has had in creating a flexible, proportionate and world-class regulatory system. However the figures still show people are still being needlessly injured at work and more is still needed to be done to reduce even further.

The 1974 act paved the way for the creation of the Health and Safety Executive.

Construction industry redraws safety boundaries to protect cyclists



SIR Peter Hendy CBE, London's Transport Commissioner, has congratulated construction industry leaders for redrawing safety boundaries to reduce the number of collisions between trucks and vulnerable road users.

Speaking at the Construction Logistics and Cyclist Safety (CLOCS) programme update at London's Guildhall, Sir Peter (pictured in the cab) thanked industry representatives for the progress made to date and committed to continue working with them to improve safety for all road users.

Industry leaders, including Lafarge Tarmac, spoke about the safety

improvements they are making to their operations and how the construction industry is leading the drive to improve the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

Academics and vehicle manufacturers outlined their research and progress in designing safer trucks for the construction industry and all CLOCS members have agreed that the same rigorous approach to safety observed on construction sites will now be applied to road safety in their industry.

The CLOCS programme is the industry's response to a report commissioned by TfL in February 2013. It brings together developers, construction companies, operators, vehicle manufacturers and regulatory bodies to ensure a road safety culture is embedded across the construction industry.

New safety qualifications

The British Safety Council has launched a new range of accredited health, safety and environmental qualifications designed to teach employees how to keep themselves and others healthy and safe at work, and to reduce the environmental

impact of their organisation's day-to-day activities.

The 11 new qualifications have all been accredited by the qualifications regulator, Ofqual, in the qualifications and credit framework (QCF) and can be delivered by employers, private training providers, schools and colleges using learning materials provided by the British Safety Council.

The various level 1 and 2 qualifications provide existing workers, those new to the workplace or seeking employment, and young people preparing to enter the workplace for the first time, with essential knowledge and understanding of:

- General health and safety risks and sensible control measures for all types of workplace and business sector
- Sustainability issues and ways of reducing their own and their organisation's environmental impacts
- The risks posed by and precautions required for fire safety in the workplace, manual handling and work involving exposure to hazardous substances

- Preventing the skin disease dermatitis in industries such as construction.

Alex Botha, chief executive of the British Safety Council, said: "Health, safety and environmental qualifications allow existing workers and those entering the workplace for the first time to improve their knowledge and skills, which in turn helps make workplaces safer and healthier for everyone, and helps businesses to act in a more sustainable fashion.

"Employees who gain formal qualifications feel valued, supported and engaged with their organisation, and completion of accredited qualifications also helps to develop a professional culture at work."

Further new accredited level two and three health and safety qualifications will be launched in September 2014 including emergency and general first aid at work; safe driving at work and mental health awareness.

For further information visit the British Safety Council website
<https://www.britsafe.org/#>

Congratulations



One of our suppliers, Cemex UK, received a safety in operation award at the recent motor transport awards for their outstanding achievements in cyclist safety.

Since 2004 Cemex have developed a significant cyclist safety programme, including training programmes for their drivers; innovations and measures for their 900 plus large goods

vehicles (LGVs) to help them detect cyclists close to the vehicles; sharing best practice with contract hauliers and events to help educate cyclists about the dangers around LGVs.

The programme has helped influence and shape guidelines for the Mineral Products Association and the Freight Transport Association, and company representatives have also been involved with Transport for London to establish industry standards and lobby the European Parliament.

The judges said CEMEX were leading the industry in cycle safety and taking an exhaustive approach to the issue of reducing road risks, focusing on sharing road space.



Osborne stop and think

Many of our delivery partners and suppliers have similar company specific cascades to the monthly Hub health and safety briefing, but often these are kept internal within their own company. In the interest of sharing knowledge and best practice, Osborne's are keen to share their briefing, entitled stop and think.

Previous editions of the publications can be found here <http://www.osborne.co.uk/what-we-do/highways/downloads.html>

Happy birthday

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) celebrated its 50th year on the 21 July 2014. In that time the CITB have helped to teach valuable skills, shape communities, grow businesses, support government and inspire a generation of construction workers and their families.

Since 1964, the CITB has:

- paid out £2.3bn in grants
- helped 1.3m people to pass vocational qualifications
- trained 500,000 new apprentices

Further information on the work of the CTIB including a celebratory anniversary film can be found here <http://www.citb.co.uk/news-events/50th-anniversary/citb-is-50/>

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