

## Current work in the Hub

The following 'Raising the Bar' documents have been reviewed and will be finalised shortly

- ✓ Behavioural Based Safety
- ✓ Caravan/temporary sleeping accommodation
- ✓ Overhead Services and Structures Protection
- ✓ Manual handling

Work will now focus on reviewing the following 'Raising the Bar' Guidance Documents

- B9 Service Avoidance
- B10 Communication of Risk
- B11 Influencing Driver Behaviour
- B12 Occupational Health

We welcome any constructive feedback so if you wish to get involved please send your comments to [DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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/>

## As the Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

As the autumn leaves begin to fall let's make the effort to prevent our workforce from doing the same. As we move into the wetter, darker and colder months it is important that we turn our attention to slips, trips and falls.

Currently almost 1/3 of all injury incidents (38% of RIDDOR injuries) are slips, trips and falls and past experience shows that this number increases by around 15% in the autumn and winter months. The combination of reduced hours of daylight, poorer weather and ground conditions can lead to an increase in accidents and incidents of all type but especially slips trips and falls. In addition to the application of good management practices, there are a number of tools and techniques which can be used to raise awareness:

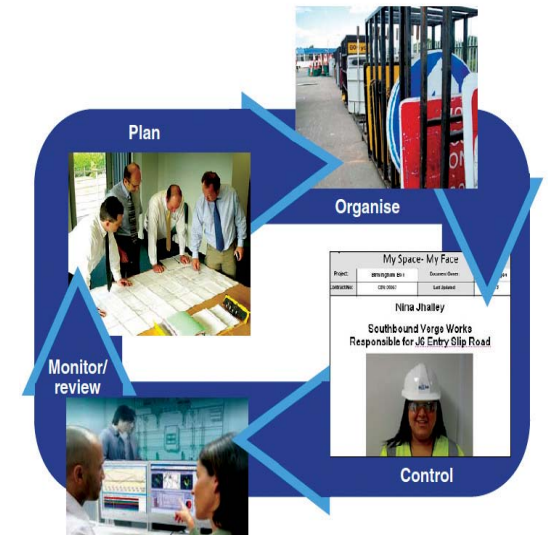
- Hold autumn working meetings that focus on planning - ensure that all the relevant personnel are included in these

- Extended briefing sessions or tool box talks with the focus on slips trips and falls and the associated hazards that may be present, such as poor weather conditions, reduced lighting levels and ensuring people are aware of and use designated walkways and all access and egress routes to, from and around the site here to walkways generally getting back to work in a safe manner

- Everyone to stand back for five minutes before starting work. Assess your work area and where reasonable practicable every effort should be made to minimise the risk of slips trips and falls

- Specifically targeted workplace inspections and leadership / culture assessments carried out by managers and supervisors in areas where incidents have happened or where slips trips or falls present a high risk

**More information is available in Raising the bar 14 slip, trip, fall also [RtB 14 Slip, Trip, Fall](#)**



### Highways Agency alerts:

#### HA132 - Working with Dumpers

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

## Safer sites

From the 22 September 2014, HSE Inspectors will carry out unannounced visits to sites where refurbishment projects or repair works are underway to target high-risk activities, particularly those affecting the health of workers, to ensure they are being properly managed. Throughout the month long initiative, entitled Safer sites – Targeted inspection initiative autumn 2014, HSE inspectors will be checking that:

- Risks to health from exposure to dust such as silica are being controlled.
- Workers are aware of where they may find asbestos, and what to do if they find it
- Other health risks, such as exposure to noise and vibration, manual handling, hazardous substances are being properly managed
- Jobs that involve working at height have been identified and properly planned to ensure that appropriate precautions, such as

proper support of structures, are in place

- Equipment is correctly installed / assembled, inspected and maintained and used properly
- Sites are well organised, to avoid trips and falls, walkways and stairs are free from obstructions and welfare facilities are adequate

**For more information please follow the link** <http://press.hse.gov.uk/2014/national-clampdown-targets-construction-industrys-poor-health-record/>

**For current requirements regarding Health Risks on Highways Agency sites please refer to ‘Raising the Bar’ Guidance Documents**

[B12 Occupational Health](#)

[B8 Manual Handling](#)

[B18 Dust Control](#)

[B19 Noise Control](#)

## Health and Safety

### FFI here to stay

A scheme designed to shift the cost of regulating workplace health and safety from the public purse to businesses that break the law has proven effective and should stay, an independent report has concluded.

The report recognised that inspectors at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have implemented ‘Fee for Intervention’ (FFI) consistently and fairly since it started in October 2012, and found no evidence to suggest that enforcement policy decisions had been influenced in any way by its introduction.

According to the report’s authors, the professional approach adopted by the HSE’s inspectors has ensured any challenges raised by the scheme during its first 18 months were minimised.

The evidence suggests the concerns voiced about FFI have not manifested themselves to any significant or serious extent and that ‘generally inspectors and duty-holders continue to work

together in improving health and safety management’.

**The full report published by HSE along with associated research papers can be found via the following link** <http://www.hse.gov.uk/fee-for-intervention/independent-ffi-review-panel-final-report-2014.pdf>

## European Safety Week

During European Safety Week w/c 20th October the Highways Agency will hold a business wide initiative focusing on health and wellbeing. A number of events have been planned across all HA regional offices and also at many of our supply chain.

**If you want to get involved or share an initiative you are doing please email the** [DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk) **or if you want to hold your own campaign please visit the useful website for tips** <https://www.osha.europa.eu/en/campaigns/index.html>

## Construction Firm Fined

A major construction company has been fined for safety failings after a worker was critically injured when he was run over by a nine tonne dumper truck.

The IP suffered life changing injuries, including severe brain injury, in the incident at a building site at Mount Wise, Devonport, on 7 October 2010.

He also sustained facial fractures, serious injuries to right arm, fractured ribs, a fractured pelvis, leg fractures and foot injuries all on his right side where the dumper ran over him. He spent two weeks in intensive care, a month in a high dependency unit and was finally discharged home from a brain injury rehabilitation unit in April, 2011 –

more than six months later. The company was fined £100,000 and ordered to pay full costs of around £100,000 after the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the company failed to adequately manage and control workplace transport.



Workplace transport incidents are the second most common cause of serious and fatal incidents in the construction industry, yet they could easily be avoided by having proper plans in place and provision for pedestrians on site. On average, seven workers are killed every

year as a result of collisions with vehicles or mobile plant on construction sites. A further 93 are seriously injured.

**Full details can be found here** <http://press.hse.gov.uk/2014/construction-company-fined-100000-after-worker-run-over-by-nine-tonne-truck/>

**Further information about managing traffic on building sites can be found on either the Highways Agency's 'Raising the Bar' Guidance documents or the HSE website at** <http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/safetytopics/vehicletrafficmanagement.htm>

Further guidance can also be found by clicking the link to the latest Highways Agency Alert following a similar incident occurring on one of our sites.

## Survive

The SURVIVE Group (Safe Use of Roadside Verges and Vehicle Emergencies) was formed in 1998 following the deaths of 6 breakdown operators on motorway hard shoulders. The group was initially established by representatives from the breakdown / recovery industry with the key purpose being to promote the safety of people stopping on or working on the motorway hard shoulder and high-speed dual carriageways. The survive group website has a lot of road worker safety material which projects may find useful. <http://survivegroup.org/>



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