



## Health and Safety / CDM Update Seminar

The BSA team held their latest seminar at the Holiday Inn, Brentwood on Tuesday 16th June. A big thank you goes to all of you who attended and provided feedback! The event seemed to go well, despite our key speakers suffering a breakdown on the M25! Bernie & Paul Davies talked about the following current issues:-

- CDM Review**, the calls for change and how the impact they may have
- Current and forthcoming **HSE initiatives**
- The new guidance for **Asbestos Regulations**

And we also heard about how to approach the duty of **employee health surveillance** by our guests from

- Clarity Healthcare

We are planning to hold two more seminars later in the year: Guildford on 6<sup>th</sup> October and Mirfield on 10<sup>th</sup> November. To attend please download a form from <http://www.bernardsimsassociates.com/page/events>

### ***First company charged under Corporate Manslaughter Act***

This landmark case sees Cotswold Geotechnical Holdings accused of corporate manslaughter under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 (CMCH). The charge concerns the death of Alexander Wright (below), aged 27, an employee who died when an excavation collapsed in September 2008. The young geologist was obtaining soil samples on a site Gloucestershire.

In addition, company director Peter Eaton was charged with gross negligence manslaughter. The company faces an unlimited fine and Mr Eaton, faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

No pleas were entered and the case was committed to Bristol Crown Court for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **Shocking Statistics from HSE Blitz: 29% chance of your site getting an improvement or prohibition notice**

- 1759 sites and **2145** contractors were **inspected**
- 265 Prohibition Notices (PN) on work at height issued
- 17 Improvement Notices (IN) on work at height issued
- 11 Prohibition Notices on good order were issued
- 12 Improvement Notices on good order issued
- 20 Prohibition Notices in relation to asbestos removal issued
- 16 Improvement Notices in relation to asbestos removal issued
- 150 Notices issued on other serious areas of concern

**In 11 cases, inspectors believed the situation on site to be so poor that prosecution is being considered**

### **Oops**

Bosses of a college which trains firefighters are red-faced after one of their own buildings went up in smoke – destroying 11 fire engines worth £1.3million.

Workers at the National Fire Service Training College say the damage would have been much less serious if the building had been equipped with sprinklers.

For help with your **Fire Risk Assessment** contact [AnthonyH@bsims.co.uk](mailto:AnthonyH@bsims.co.uk)

### **BSA Vision for the Future**

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**What's NEW!** *Electronic Format H&S Policy*

BSA has developed an electronic form of the H&S Policy which is now available. Phone 01483467270

**Coming Soon!**

BSA are busy developing a new, user-friendly Construction Phase Health & Safety Guide

**Architect removal from professional register**

Gillian Beckingham has been removed from The Architects Registration Board (ARB), the independent statutory regulator of all UK registered architects, three years after her conviction for H&S offences involving the deaths of at least five people from Legionnaires' disease at arts centre Forum 28 in 2002.

Ms Beckingham retired on medical grounds, and has not practiced since.

**Officers on the March**

The safety regulator (HSE) has increased the number of inspectors in its construction division by a third, including 20 new trainees and up to 30 experienced inspectors.

The experienced workers are to come on staff, however, will only be given limited powers and will start on a two-year contract.

**BSA Advice Line**

Since we first offered this service the response from you has been really positive. Contacts have found the service, quick and cost effective in these hard times. If you want to use the service please contact: us on 01483467270 quoting HI VIZ

**New 'Chapter 8' updates advice to make road works safer**

Updated guidelines for highways maintenance engineers and contractors to make temporary traffic management at road works safer and more effective have now been published.

Revisions to Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual (Parts 1 and 2) have been taking place over the past two and a half years.

The guidance is for everyone associated with temporary traffic management for construction, maintenance or utility work. The guidelines update those published in June 2006.

**Making Health and safety laws easier to understand!**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is making four changes to the regulations it is responsible for. From 06<sup>th</sup> April 09 they introduced a new, easier to read version of the law poster that employers must display.



Employers can, if they wish, continue to use their existing versions of poster and leaflet until 5 April 2014, as long as they are readable and the addresses of the enforcing authority and the Employment Medical Advisory Service up to date.

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