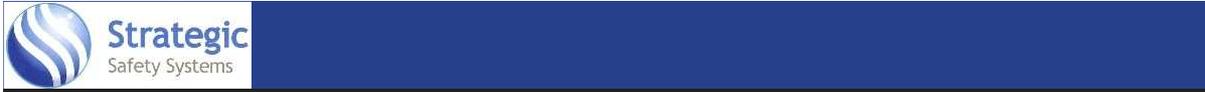


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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

August 2012

Dear Philip,

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful.

Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the page.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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Concerns over cancer

In a recent paper in the British Journal of Cancer, a pressure group has stated that the HSE needs to change its "unrealistic" and "ignorant" approach to occupational cancer if thousands more cases and deaths are to be prevented. There are 2 papers which show the HSE's proposals on carcinogens. [Paper 1](#), [Paper 2](#).

Following this, an article in Print Week has fanned the flames on this to state that the Printing Industry is "amongst the highest risk industries" citing the study which states that in 2004 and 2005, there were 276 lung cancer deaths due to mineral oils in printing inks. However, other industries cited were construction, manufacturing, mining, painting and decorating, personal and household services, publishing, public administration and defence, and wholesale and retail trades. The study also states that many other substances cause cancer.

This may be regarded as yet another cancer scare, but without a doubt, companies in the Printing Industry do need to take action on the one known carcinogen in general use. This is dichloromethane which is a Cat. 3 carcinogen and is the predominant substance in many ink strippers. It has been SSS policy for many years to strongly recommend to companies that alternative ink strippers be sourced. The Print Week article states that dichloromethane will be withdrawn in 2014.

Beware the CE mark

In the July newsletter, I gave an example (part of a long series!) of a machine with the CE mark that had many problems. SSS have now provided a [technical paper on CE marking](#). This draws people's attention to the CE mark, its function and pitfalls. It describes how the procedure is intended to work, where the obligations are and typical examples where it goes wrong. It finishes with steps that a purchaser should include.

Technical papers

The technical paper on CE marking is part of series available from the [SSS Useful Information page](#). Others available are:

- Safety related controls systems (3 papers, including how to use EN 13849)
- Interlock switches - features, advantages and drawbacks of different types.
- How do I know if my refrigerant is an HCFC?
- How to carry out a risk assessment
- How to carry out a CoSHH assessment

SSS will be adding more technical papers to this series.

Extended use of INTACT AT Trinity Mirror

Trinity Mirror, who print the Daily Mirror, the Independent and other newspapers have used INTACT for some time as part of their health, safety and environmental management program. A variation requested by Trinity Mirror is now in place at three of their sites. The new version now has a "Light" option which provides a simple menu from which people such as team leaders can access:

- Inspections
- Toolbox talks
- Risk assessment reviews
- Accident and near miss reports

This makes it easier for more people to enter and access data, whilst retaining the main features of INTACT. See the [case study](#) for more details.

Proposed changes to H&S legislation for the self-employed

The government has made proposals that self employed persons whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others and who don't employ others will be exempted from health and safety law. The favoured option is that, with the exception of those working in certain prescribed industries, such a person will:

1. Need to consider whether their work or the products and services created by their work activities affect others in order to decide if they fall within health and safety law or not. If not, they will:
2. No longer need to comply with health and safety regulations that place a duty on the self-employed; and
3. No longer be required to carry out any risk assessment in respect of their own activities.

At first glance, this does not seem to affect any of the people reading this newsletter, but many companies use self-employed contractors for minor or special tasks. It would be worth considering how you are going to cover risks on your site posed by such operations. There is a [consultation document](#) on this and any changes will come into force during 2013.

Accidents and court cases

A worker suffered crush injuries to his leg when he entered a brick-making machine where the interlocks had been overridden (in line with company instructions!) to enable the machine to be moved to free trapped parts. Fines, including costs, were £20,000. [See full details.](#)

I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#).
Regards,

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