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### Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first February 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.

Regards,

Philip Chambers  
Strategic Safety Systems Ltd.

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### Excellent reviews of SSS SHP Online articles

Over the last month we have had published 2 articles in SHP Online, which were:

- [Beware the CE Mark](#) (this should be no great surprise to readers of this newsletter), and
- [5 Mistakes with the control of substances hazardous to health and how to avoid them](#)

Both of these have received excellent reviews, mainly through Twitter, and are on the "most read" lists. These will be followed by similar, informative articles. Click on the hyperlinks above to read them.

### Old "What you need to know" poster needs replacing

A reminder that you need to have replaced your "What you need to know" poster by 5th April 2014. As you've had 5 years to do this, there isn't really an excuse. There are lots of suppliers for this, or you can get it from HSE Books.



## Celebrate St. George's Day and support Air Ambulance

Unlike others in the British Isles, we always seem reluctant to celebrate St. George's Day and many people couldn't tell you its date. For those of you in the Cheltenham/Gloucester area, the Midlands Air Ambulance is holding a St George's Day afternoon tea in the Queens Hotel in Cheltenham on 23rd April. Remember that, like the RNLI, air ambulances rely entirely on public support. So, for £19.50 you can have a delightful tea in Regency surroundings and support a really necessary cause. Or, for £185 you could sponsor a table for 10 people. See the links under the logo for more information.



[See leaflet on the afternoon tea](#)  
 E-mail: [Susie.godwin@midlandsairambulance.com](mailto:Susie.godwin@midlandsairambulance.com), or  
 Phone 0800 8 40 20 40 and ask for the Events team.

## Comments on accidents

When sentencing the defendant in the LDB Light Alloys case shown below, His Honour Judge Dickinson said: "It would take the skill of Charles Dickens to adequately describe the conditions in which your staff worked."

When you read the details of this case, it is stunning that there are still people working under such conditions in this country.

## Incidents and court cases

### 6 month sentence and £80,000 for "Dickensian" operations

The owner of LDB Light Alloys Ltd. in Boughton, Nottinghamshire received a 6-month suspended prison sentence and fined £80,000 (inc. costs) failing to protect workers from the risks of lead poisoning after three employees became seriously ill. See the comments above.

[See details](#)

### Lack of guarding causes finger loss on packaging machine

Huhtamaki UK Ltd, who specialise in food and drink packaging and operates 60 manufacturing sites worldwide, have been fined £10,000 (inc. costs) after a worker lost a finger in an unguarded chain on a machine.

[See details](#)

### Worker falls from forks of forklift truck

Joseph Heler Ltd, a Cheshire cheese manufacturer has been fined £8,709 (inc.costs) after a worker injured his leg and ankle when he fell from the forks of a forklift truck during an unsafe loading operation.

[See details](#)

## Daily updates

Don't forget, there's lots of useful information that is highlighted typically daily on the SSS Twitter and Blog sites.

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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](#).

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 below.

Regards,

Philip Chambers

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