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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

Dear Philip,

Welcome to the January 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
Strategic Safety Systems Ltd.

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Step forward in reforming civil case law

The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill reached the House of Lords on 9th January. The implications of this bill are not apparent from its name, but it could have major implications in civil cases. The bill addresses unfairness where an employer is presently found liable despite taking reasonable prevention steps. If it passes, it will remove many causes of personal injury claims, particularly the spurious ones.

Independant Regulatory Challenge Panel not used

The Independant Regulatory Challenges Panel was formed a year ago to look into complaints regarding advice given by HSE or LA inspectors about health and safety, which people think is incorrect or goes beyond what is required to control the risk adequately. The panel consists of independent members who have the competence and experience to assess advice that has been given on regulatory matters.

To date, there have been no appeals to it. Nice idea; no takers.

[See information on this panel.](#)

Free-to-use photographs and technical data available

We have made available about 100 photographs of poor, and a few good, safety practices in UK industry. These are free to use for training purposes, but copyright remains with Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. and you cannot sell them.

They are available from:

- The [SSS website](#), or
- [Pinterest](#)

In addition, we've added lots of technical papers to our useful information page. Lots of good stuff, all free. [Go to the Useful Information page.](#)

RIDDOR to change (again) in 2013

There are proposals to change the RIDDOR again. The proposals are to remove the need to report:

- Occupational diseases
- Injuries to the public
- Dangerous occurrences other than those for high risk sectors (eg construction)

The proposals, if they go forward, are due to come into force this summer. We'll keep you posted about developments.

Work at Height Regulations to change

There has always been confusion over the Work at Height Regulations, with some people believing that ladders are "banned". These regulations are scheduled for review by April this year so that people do not need to go beyond that which is proportionate. There's no date for implementation following the review, but we'll keep you posted.

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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