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## Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first 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.

Regards,

Philip Chambers  
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## FFI likely to get more intense

The HSE's Fees for Intervention (FFI) scheme has generated far less revenue than expected. Out of the budget of £17 million for a 12 month period, only £7 million was recovered. SSS understand that, so far, the income has come from reported events and not proactive inspections. Therefore, you should anticipate that the HSE will become far more assertive in their inspections to make up the shortfall; any perceived non-conformances which previously would have been addressed by constructive advice will now come at a substantial price.

[See SSS health and safety support services](#)

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## Another SSS client gains ISO 9001 certification

Congratulations to RES Environmental who have gained certification to ISO 9001 using systems developed by SSS. This is our 33rd ISO 9001 success and our 180th success of all the standards for which we provide systems. The work with RES followed a recommendation from another client.

[See more about 9001 and other certification support.](#)

[See our certification successes.](#)



## Managing Safely in the Printing Industry courses

SSS will be running public sessions of our acclaimed Managing Safely in the Printing Industry course. These are presently scheduled for late February and early April in Chesterfield and Swindon.

Unlike the standard Managing Safely course run by many providers, Managing Safely in the Printing Industry is tailored specifically at printing and uses examples gained over the 17 years with which

SSS have been associated with printing. SSS have the sole IOSH licence for this course. Whilst the courses are scheduled for Chesterfield and Swindon, SSS are able to meet requirements for courses in other locations, either public or in-house, providing that there are sufficient participants to make the course viable.

[See more about Managing Safely in the Printing Industry.](#)

## Comments on accidents

The lack of systems when maintaining machinery or entering confined spaces is inexcusable. The potential outcome of either are well known and can easily be avoided. In addition, where death occurs, then the legal aftermath is typically drawn out. First there is the inquest, which can be daunting, followed by a hearing at a Magistrates Court. As the fine from this court is limited, the HSE may then elect to take the case to Crown Court. All of this takes time and incurs massive costs, and the 5.5 year duration of the Sheffield Forgemasters' case is not unusual.

## Incidents and court cases

### Failure to isolate machine causes massive head injury

A worker went behind a stacker at Artisan Press without isolating the machine and was caught in the machine, suffering a major head injury.

[See details](#)

### Lack of a confined space system results in death and massive fine

Sheffield Forgemasters was fined £245,000 (inc. costs) on 19 December 2013 after an employee died of carbon dioxide asphyxiation when the cellar in which he was working filled with the gas.

[See details](#)

### Lack of guarding claims another victim

A teenager with a temporary job at a major glass recycling firm in West Yorkshire had his arm crushed when it was drawn into the unguarded danger zone of a machine.

[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](#).

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Regards,

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