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## Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first March 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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## SSS help to get Improvement Notice and FFI withdrawn

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that SSS are helping a company contest an improvement notice and fee for intervention.

Following our submission of the objection via the client company, the HSE have withdrawn the improvement notice and fee. We can expect to see an increase in HSE intervention in a bid to gain more revenue and this case shows how this can be contested where the intervention is unwarranted.

[See full details of the objection](#)  
[See SSS H&S support](#)

## SSS continue with more short articles in SHP Online

Two more Phil Chambers articles have recently been published in SHP Online, with the aim of providing concise advice.

One was on control of non-standard or contractor operations.

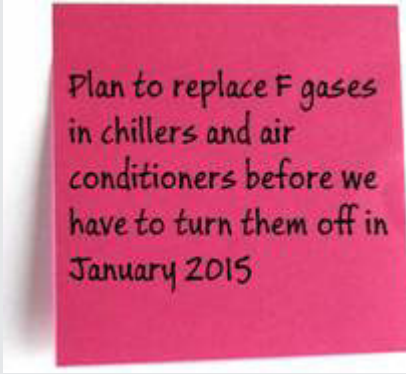
The other was on how the probabilities of events and outcomes stack-up and eventually cause an accident. These follow earlier articles, one of which about CoSHH was on the most read list for a while!

[See article on non-standard operations](#)  
[See article on Probability Stack-up](#)  
[See article on CoSHH](#)

## Reminder to change HCFCs by end of this year

I thought I'd done this to death, but there are still people who don't realise that you must change refrigerant gases in air conditioners and chillers if they contain HCFCs. Modern units do not contain such gases. The most common HCFC is R22. You can see what the gas is from the label and the

2 links below tell you about the label and what the different gases



are.

[Listing of gases and more information](#)  
[Where to find the gas type on chillers](#)

## Updates on fines

The changes which gave Magistrates Courts more power are beginning to show their effect. The average fine under the Health and Safety at Work Act rose from £11,000 to £12,000. Where other regulations are taken into account, then the average fine rose from £13,000 to £16,700.

So, if you are taken to court, you need to be expecting this kind of fine. The big advantage in the change is that fewer cases are being taken to higher courts, with the attendant costs and time delays which can be distressing.

## Incidents and court cases

### Thames Cryogenics fined £9,500 after acetone fire

Thames Cryogenics of Didcot was fined after a fire caused by unsafe hot work.

[See details](#)

### Plaxtons fined £32,000 after fall from height

Alexander Dennis Ltd., otherwise known as as Plaxtons was fined £32,000 (inc. costs) on 24 February 2014 after a worker fell from height whilst working on a gantry

[See details](#)

### Case against Taunton fireworks organiser dropped.

The case against Geoffrey Counsell, the organiser of the fireworks display at Taunton where a crash on the M5 occurred has been dropped.

[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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