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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second 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
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How was Business Continuity Week for you?

It may have passed you by, but last week was Business Continuity Week. Most people still refer to Business Continuity (BC) as Disaster Recovery, but that is way wide of the mark. It is the loss of key suppliers ability to supply, or key people being no longer available which are far more likely.

A proper business continuity approach includes:

- People, eg what happens if key people are ill?
- Premises, eg fire
- Technology, eg what happens if key equipment breaks down? What happens if the local phone system fails?
- Supplies, including key external services, eg what happens if a key supplier is unable to supply?
- Civil emergencies, including lack of accessibility to the site because of external factors such as a major chemical spill on the industrial estate or accidents or flooding on access roads.

and puts in place plans to cope with these, tested where appropriate.

[See how SSS can help with your BC plan](#)

Interesting variety of work for SSS

There certainly is a variety of work at SSS. This week we have seen work ranging from:

- CE marking for a machine at Aldermaston
- Noise and dust measurement in a newspaper printing plant
- H&S support for a Midlands council who are beautifying underpasses
- Updates to our INTACT action management system for an engineering company
- Further development on the web-based version of INTACT.

I believe we are unique in providing this wide range of services and it means that the whole approach can be integrated rather than piecemeal.

[See our website for the full set of support SSS can provide](#)

Level of fines increasing

There is a great variety in the fines imposed for health and safety breaches. Recently, we've had a fine of £5,600 for an injury on a textile machine, which is relatively low. However, the trend seems to be for far greater fines than this, as the three cases below show.

And even if it never gets as far as a prosecution, the Fees For Intervention scheme that the HSE now use means that you are likely to be considerably out of pocket. A far better and more cost-effective approach is to have proper health and safety systems in place, and SSS systems meet legal requirements whilst being sensible.

[See more about health and safety support from SSS](#)

Incidents and court cases

Engineering company fined £12,000 for overridden interlocks

TG Engineering Ltd., of Ferndown was fined £12,369 (inc.costs) after a part was ejected past an open guard where the interlock had been disabled.

[See details](#)

Ceiling company fined £25,000 for inadequate guarding

CEP Ceilings Ltd., Stafford, was fined a total of £25,200 (inc. costs) after a worker required skin grafts on his arm which had been caught in machinery.

[See details](#)

Company fined £18,200 for overridden interlock

Sika Ltd., a Welwyn Garden City manufacturing firm was fined £18,200 (inc. costs) on 14th March 2014 after an agency worker suffered a hand injury whilst clearing a blockage on a poorly-guarded palletiser 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](#).

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,

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