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## Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the May edition our new style 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  
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## Ignore enforcement notices at your peril

Though the prophets of doom will tell you that you can go to jail for health and safety offences, it very rarely happens and when it does it is normally as a result of deaths caused by gross negligence. However, there has been a recent case where the owner of a car park has been jailed for nine months, even though nobody was hurt, for failing to comply with enforcement notices which required him to put edge protection around a hillside car park. Essentially, he continued to ignore a series of improvement and prohibition notices stretching back to early 2008 and, in August 2009, emergency services were called to the site because a car was spotted hanging over the edge of the slope. Householders living below the site were evacuated while the car was removed.

[See the full article](#)

Source: SHP

## Have your say about health and safety red tape

The government have given you the ability to comment on excessive red tape. They list a whole load of regulations (51 in general health and safety alone) and give you the ability to see each regulation, though it is in its indigestible format. You can enter your comments via the web site shown below. Unfortunately, it doesn't mention environmental legislation which, in some places, leaves health and safety legislation standing when it comes to red tape madness.

<http://www.redtapechallenge.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/health-and-safety>

## How do the new Waste Regulations affect me?

The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 are out for consultation. For most people, what they do is to replace a whole lot of regulations (now enough in our opinion) and add a few requirements.

The main new requirements are that all companies must specify a waste hierarchy of:

1. Prevention
2. Reuse
3. Recycling
4. Recovery (eg. energy recovery)
5. Disposal

Most people would be doing this anyway as it makes commercial sense but you need to record this.

There are many regulations which are either repealed or are amended by the Waste Regs. Note that those companies which have an SSS-produced register of legislation will have this updated. Those with issue P will have the updated version issued when the Waste Regs. are issued.

There is a requirement for a producer of waste to register before December 2013 if they carry their own controlled waste.

For those companies that do not have an SSS-produced register of legislation we will provide a list of repealed and changed regulations on our [Useful Information page](#).

## Updates to INTACT

INTACT, the SSS Integrated Action Management System has some new features added to it. Like many such additions, they can be "switched on" if required.

The new features are intended for use in either Business Continuity Management or Information Security Management and meet requirements in BS 25999 and ISO 27001 for what may be regarded as providing a risk assessment function. Unlike health and safety risk assessments, the event types are "loss of availability", etc. As with the central concept of INTACT, actions linked into action management reports, TO DO lists, etc., are available from the assessment forms.

[See more about INTACT](#).

## Certification updates

Some of our clients are about to have external audits. One in the near future is a Cheltenham-based engineering company for whom we have developed systems for ISO 9001 Quality Management. The other which is longer term, is a company for whom we have developed systems to meet ISO 27001 Information Security Management.

[See more about certification support](#)

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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