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### Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

Dear Philip,

Welcome to the November 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.

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Regards,

Philip Chambers  
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### Stock control system for Vanguard



SSS have been working closely with Vanguard Cleaning Solutions in Chirk, near Wrexham, and their consultant, [Intex](#), to develop and introduce a database system for warehouse stock control. The system goes far beyond stock control and enables reports on stock usage, trade counter price lists and reports on other work carried out for clients to be generated. The system, called VIKI, is another of the [business improvement systems](#) developed by SSS. Vanguard have also just achieved certification to ISO 9001:2008.

### Alutool and Catapult both achieve ISO 9001



Congratulations to VCG Catapult and Alutool Preform Die Company for meeting the requirements of ISO 9001:2008. Catapult already have certification to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 jointly their sister company VCG Kestrel on the same site at Witham in Essex. Kestrel already have certification to ISO 9001. Alutool are a Cheltenham-based company who manufacture dies for the aluminium extrusion industry. [See more about ISO 9001 services from SSS.](#)

### Government indicates that H&S regulations will be simplified

The Government has announced an immediate consultation on the abolition, consolidation and further review of large numbers of health and safety regulations and aims to remove the first rules from the statute books within a few months. The announcement follows the publication on 28th November of Professor Ragnar Löfstedt's review of health and safety legislation and the Government's response.

A major change is the establishment from 1 January of a new challenge panel, which will allow businesses to get the decisions of health and safety inspectors overturned immediately if they have got it wrong.

[See the full article.](#)

### Asbestos guidance

The HSE are proposing changes to the Asbestos Regs., to include 3 categories as follows:

- \* Non-notifiable, non-licenced work
- \* Notifiable, non-licenced work
- \* Licenced work

Their guidance, in my opinion, lacks clarity so I've provided an improved explanation of what is required. Essentially, this is the same information as provided by the HSE but rearranged into a logical order.

## *Example of what not to do with fire exits*

Here's an example of exactly not what to do with a fire exit.

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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