

Safety Groups UK – Update report to POOSH – January 2015.

Background.

Since the launch of the main occupational health awareness campaign “Health Risks at Work – Do you know yours?” (HR@W) by Safety Groups UK (SGUK) for England, Wales & N Ireland in May 2012 this campaign has been both extended and become the major focus for SGUK strategy for the foreseeable future.

The mission statement for SGUK has also recently been revised to be “Promoting Health and Safety Nationwide” emphasizing the focus on raising awareness of occupational health issues in a simple, clear and effective way particularly for SME’s.

Health Risks at Work.

The Health Risks at Work initiative consists of 5 major components:-

Risks to Skin

Risks to Breathing

Risks to Hearing and Touch

Risks to Muscles, Bones & Joints

Risks to Wellbeing

This initiative is supported by both multi language dvd’s, workbooks and interactive internet information/tools. All of these resources are free to access.

To complement each of the major components listed above further, more detailed assistance is available via additional supporting campaigns e.g.

Risks to Skin Further information available via the “It’s in Your Hands” initiative.

Risks to Breathing..... Further information available via the “Clean Air- Take Care” initiative

Risks to Hearing and Touch..... Further information being developed via “Listen today – Hear tomorrows” initiative

Risks to Muscles, Bones & Joints Additional resource to be developed

Risks to Wellbeing Additional resource to be developed

Targeting at Risk Worker Groups.

To communicate the dangers of Long Latency disease in support of the HSE strategic objectives, SGUK are supporting a number of key campaigns & initiatives.

- 1) **Raising awareness of the dangers of dust in the Construction sector** – SGUK are a main contributor / facilitator to the stakeholder driven “Construction Dust Partnership” (CDP) and coordinated 2 seminars in October 2014 as pilots for a series of seminars. Plans are being made to arrange a further 4 seminars for 2015.

Supporting & Communication.

- 1) SGUK will continue to attend exhibitions/ conferences etc both to promote the HR@W message via both the SGUK stand & seminar presentations at the following events.

During 2015 SGUK will be present at:-

- Health & Wellbeing at Work, NEC 3 – 4th March 2015
- The Health & Safety Event, NEC , 24 – 26th April 2015
- Health & Safety Scotland, Glasgow SECC, April 2015
- Safety & Health Expo/IOSH Conference, ExCel, London, 16 – 18th June 2015
- Health and Safety UK, Mermaid Centre, London , 25th June 2015
- Health and Safety North – Bolton Arena, 7 – 8th October 2015.

- 2) SGUK are also supporting the BOHS campaign on Occupational Lung Disease and the IOSH “ No time to loose” campaign on occupational cancer.

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