

# Safety Groups UK – Report to POOSH November 2015

## Health Risks at Work.

Raising awareness of Long Latency Diseases and promoting & driving initiatives that can help reduce the future levels of disease continues to be the major focus for SGUK.

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 online at:-

<http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/HRatW>

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.

<http://www.itsinyourhands.org/>

Risks to Breathing..... Further information available via the “Clean Air- Take Care” initiative.  
(This initiative is currently being updated.)

<http://www.bsif.co.uk/clean-air-take-care->

Risks to Hearing and Touch..... Has recently been updated via the “Listen today – Hear tomorrow” initiative.

<http://www.bsif.co.uk/listen-today-hear-tomorrow>

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, one on Bracknell & one in Hull in July 2015 as part of series of national seminars.

Plans are being made to arrange a further 2 seminars for 2016 – one in the N West of England & one in Scotland.( These were originally scheduled for autumn 2015 , however are now planned for 2016.

<http://www.citb.co.uk/health-safety-and-other-topics/health-safety/construction-dust-partnership/>

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

## New Initiatives & Developments.

- 1) SGUK have partnered with 3M to raise awareness of Occupational Health issues as a tool box talk at workers tea breaks.  
The SafeTea initiative is a refreshing & innovative approach to help educate & raise awareness of important health topics in a simple and unique way:-

<http://safetynetwork.3m.com/blog/safetea/>

- 2) Development continues on the “Learning Occupational Health by Experiencing Risks “ (LOcHER) project being led by SGUK which targets young people, in innovative ways, before they enter workplaces and aims to equip them to recognise the dangers to their health from exposure to hazardous substances and what they could do to help prevent future diseases. Three pilots (motor vehicle accident repair, wood working and welding) are currently being developed with the help of apprentices. An update will be provided in January at the SGUK Awards in London on 25<sup>th</sup> January with the main project launch scheduled for June 2016.

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