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Did you know?

- New website links – have you seen our new website and the useful information it contains? If you are not displaying the Guernsey Health and Safety Law poster in your workplace, you can download a copy from our website (see local links) or obtain a printed copy from the HSE Team by phoning 234567.
- New Fire Safety Law in Guernsey – see www.gov.gg
- The benefits of checking the licences of the drivers of your vehicles – before they first drive and then at least annually – and of giving sensible reminders relating to safe driving (e.g. no use of mobile phones on the move and no drugs or alcohol).
- There are lots of useful health and safety publications. We have highlighted some in the past but would like to share with everyone details of those you find most helpful. This month we'd like to highlight:
 - The ROSPA Occupational Safety & Health Journal (www.rospa.com)
 - Safety Management (www.britsafe.org)
 - Safety & Health Practitioner (www.shponline.co.uk)
- The slides from Dr Lesser's February talk on Managing Sickness Absence are now on our website www.gosha.org.uk
- Migrant workers – are you using the support material and training courses which are available to help those with a poor knowledge of the English language to implement good standards of health & safety in your organisation?
- There is plenty of guidance available from our Guernsey HSE Team (tel 234561) to help you manage the potential liability you can incur if employees are not trained or assessed in the use of display screen equipment (DSE). Poor sitting or working positions are an increasing source of musculo-skeletal problems in the workplace
- Toolbox (experienced employee) talks can be very effective in making employees aware of good health & safety practices – do you use them?
- Our next meeting will be on 24th May 2007 at La Trelade – see www.gosha.org.uk

Future Talks and Topics

Over the next few months, we plan to cover/offer you:

- Construction site visit
- Slips, trips and falls talk
- COSHH presentation
- Health & safety knowledge, learning and qualifications presentation

Do you have any topics you would like us to cover? Please let us know.