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- Terry Nash's recent talk was a useful reminder of how much working environments have changed for the better over the past 45 years. The needless pain and hardship suffered by so many in the past as a result of accidents or ill health developed at work is a reminder of why good health and safety management in the workplace is essential to the well-being of businesses and our society.
- Reportable accident data for Guernsey 2002 to 2006 has now been verified by the HSE Team and is available on our website.
- Do you or your or your colleagues work from home? If so, periodic risk assessments are valuable in preventing accidents and other problems, including neck ache, backache, skin problems, eyestrain, unsuitable or dangerous work equipment and hazards to family members.
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) – failure to identify and properly store and use such substances are common causes of accidents, skin problems and breathing complaints. Whether you work in a manufacturing business, a cleaning company, an office or in many other businesses in Guernsey you are likely to have a potentially dangerous substances on your premises and you should take appropriate precautions.
- Food safety and hygiene – have you taken advantage of the cost effective training and guidance available in Guernsey for your business? Are you aware that there is an Amendment Food Hygiene Order coming in soon?
- The HSE and Institute of Directors are compiling guidance on directors' responsibilities on health and safety at work. They have asked for feedback on their draft document by 22 June. Details can be found at www.hse.gov.uk or at the institute of directors website.

If you would like more information on any of these topics, please contact us via www.gosha.org.uk or telephone the Guernsey HSE Team on 234567. For details of the new Food Hygiene Order please contact Environmental Health & Pollution Regulation on 711161.

Our next meetings:

- July visit to the Les Nicolles School development – details will soon be available on our website.
- 20th September 2007 – Open meeting at La Trelade Hotel on slips, trips and falls (the most common cause of reportable accidents in Guernsey)

In our April newsletter we mentioned a change in Guernsey's fire safety law and would like to clarify that this applies to planning applications (alterations, new construction and change of use) summarised in Planning Document B, available from the Environment Department.

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