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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

I am always grateful for 'feedback' to these newsletters and last month there were many complimentary e-mails received – thanks!

Many comments came in on 'RIDDOR' reporting with many of you seemingly unaware of your duty under Law and legislation to report on and control documentation following an accident or even a 'near miss' incident so we do come up with good stuff when we can!



Someone making a point on safety overkill.



An enterprising – if somewhat 'iffy' answer to hedge cutting at height...
(Sigh)

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FIRE DOORS....

Another sigh – checking back on our safety reports and fire safety inspections in 2011 it seems that, time and again, doors marked up as ‘fire doors’ simply are not and, even worse, the client / owner had no knowledge of what is required concerning a fire door and what its use in life is actually for!!

The basics: a fire door is there to hold back smoke and flames for a period of time in order to aid the evacuation of the building – in reality that is that.

Building regulations will state whether a fire door should be ‘½ hour rated’ or longer (I’m not going to bog you down here I promise) but there has to be smoke strips built into the door, any infill glass be fire rated, the door itself ‘kite marked’ or tested to the required length of holding back fire and the seal should be complete – top, bottom and sides.

No names – no pack drill but we have had some real horror ones this year and it has to be a matter of ‘when’ not ‘if’ a horror story unfolds concerning death and burns unless attention is immediately addressed to failing ‘fire’ doors.

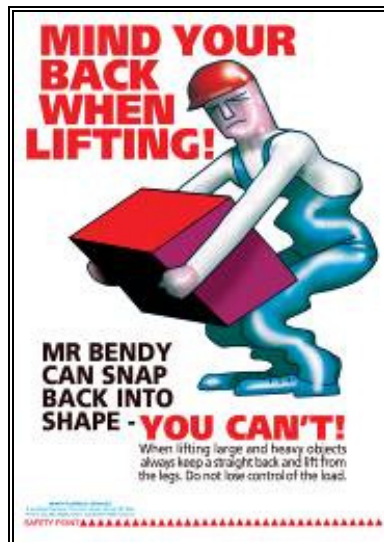
In one inspection even the door catch and lock was missing with gaps to the floor clearly showing as well as no smoke strip set into the door – an accident, or worse, waiting to happen – remember the huge fire of a residential home earlier this year, or last, claiming elderly residents lives?

Let’s get real here – check what you have and what you think you have – double check out the regulations and make sure YOU have had a full inspection under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (FSO) – 2005 is the clue and 2007 was when it became Law....are you in breach of the Law??!

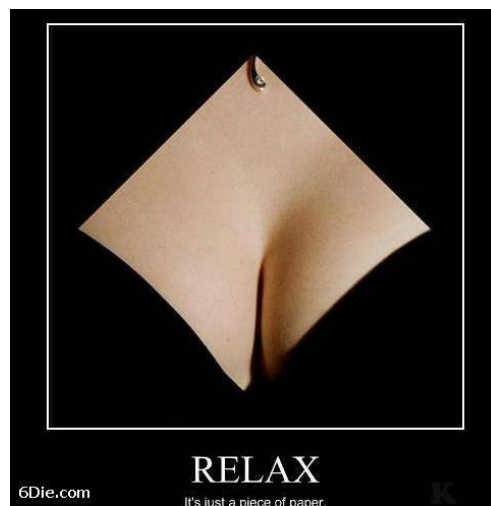
Our Sue sent this over under the title ‘Men without supervision’ – don’t understand that....



...he has a harness and only a few floors up(ish) – what’s the problem here?!



You have been warned!



Keep your mind fixed on safety issues – otherwise I can't assist you!

The following is from 'Whitters' – a maniac down in darkest Gloucester area – nothing whatsoever to do with safety (well – very loosely!) but I felt I had to share it somehow:

Banned from Sainsbury's

Didn't like shopping there anyway. Yesterday I was at my local Sainsbury's store buying a large bag of 'Winalot' dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Winalot Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Winalot nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again.

(I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's arse and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Sainsbury's.

Better watch what you ask retired people.

They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.

There goes any chance of a Knighthood – “Ridgway is politically incorrect”..... so be it!

Be Safe Out There!
Jerry



Miserable or reflective? Your call!