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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Well – whatever happened to Summer?

I don't mean the wind and storms – just the rate the sands of time sped by!

So here we are in deepest September and now the holidays firmly are behind us....downhill to Christmas!

Safety issues arising over the past couple of months have included weaknesses in fire exit signage, lack of fire extinguishers in residential flat complexes, no emergency escape plans to factories (yes – more than one factory!), the inevitable trip and fall hazards encountered in stores and retail outlets, scaffolding altered by untrained personnel, a fall off a stepladder (ME!!!) and an investigation into a shop floor injury caused by the operator failing to wear any protective eye wear provided by the firm....so no changes here then!

Add a summer where we at Explorers had to negotiate a settlement over a project sale problem that has cost us dearly DESPITE knowing we have done everything possible to solve the situation, writing up vast amounts of reports following inspections in the south under The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and sending out quotations for projects that always seem to be 'on hold until further notice' or following up on queries and questions that come into our office daily – dull it is not!

Food for Thought:

If you had purchased £1,000 of shares in Delta Airlines one year ago, you would have £49.00 today.

If you had purchased £1,000 of shares in AIG one year ago, you would have £33.00 today.

If you had purchased £1,000 of shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you would have £0.00 today.

But, if you had purchased £1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminium cans for recycling refund, you would have received £214.00.

Therefore, the best current investment plan is to drink and recycle.

A recent study found that the average Briton walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that Britons drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means that, on average, Britons get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Makes you proud to be British, doesn't it?

(thanks to Roger and Keith for that – at least it was clean!)

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A Police STOP at 1am

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 1 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

Which does bring us onto the subject of drinking and eating at work (subtle – eh?)

I have now had two discussions within the past couple of weeks with Managers concerned over the 'habit' of crew / machine operators brewing up at their workbenches and munching on sandwiches at the same time as handling work in progress – both times I was asked for my opinion....which is:

BAN THE PRACTISE NOW!

Food and drink must only be consumed in a clean environment – a canteen or rest room with hand wash facilities – **NEVER** in a dirty, oily, swarf ridden location – simple.

Crazy how a guy wouldn't come in from the garden or the garage and put his mucky hands around a mug of coffee made for him by his partner (must be politically correct!) – for a start he would get chewed off for doing it and anyway it shouts out to wash first.... so how come it is acceptable at work then?

IF YOU THINK HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION IS 'OVER THE TOP'
CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Pythagoras' theorem	- 24 words
Lord's Prayer	- 66 words
Archimedes' Principle	- 67 words
10 Commandments	- 179 words
US Constitution with all 27 Amendments	- 7,818 words
EU regulations on the sale of cabbage	- 26,911 words

Safety Issues from Ancient Times:
“The Woodpecker might have to go!”



Finally – Concentrate on your work – it will make life safer in the long run!



Concentrate on getting things in the right order.



Plan the consequences of your actions.



Don't rush your work but complete it properly



Concentrate on your marketing message.

*Be Safe Out There!
Jerry*



...'Cos I'm Watching you!