

Health and Safety Update September 2011

This newsletter summarises the key topics discussed during the last Quarterly Health and Safety review conducted by Steve Askins and his Regional Directors and Managers.

Lifting Tackle

In the current period Zurich statutory inspections have resulted in :

6	AE Immediate Serious Defects (also reported to the HSE)
1	AN Timed Serious Defect
361	BD Defects, which do not immediately effect continued safe use, but need attention
705	NL Not Located items which could still be in use, not inspected and unsafe.

All the above defects have the potential to cause injury - If you suspect any lifting equipment or lift accessories to be defective or untagged DO NOT WALK BY raised it with your supervisor who will arrange for its safe disposal, repair or replacement, or placed in locked quarantine.

Lifting and Slings Training

A review is in progress to establish an ERIKS bespoke Lifting & Slings training course which will roll out in the next few months and be refreshed every 5 years.

Risk Assessment and Method Statement training

(RAMS) training is being rolled out nationally by the regional directors. Training will be given to all those who Manage, Supervise and undertake work on customer premises.

Supervisors Daily Inspection Cards

A supervisors daily inspection card has been drafted and approved, currently with our printers it is designed



to fill the gap left by the weekly supervisors H&S inspection report which has been fully overhauled and now completed monthly.

Asbestos Awareness Training

A series of One Day Asbestos Awareness training courses provided by ACAD are being rolled out nationally for all site service engineers.

Hazard Spotting, Safety Suggestions and Near Miss Reporting

Please continue to report all Hazards and Near Misses to your supervisor or line manager.

Safety Boot Standard

Tusker 381 S3s are the preferred choice for Safety boots in the UK. Arrangements are now being made to carry the full range of sizes in stock centrally at Halesowen, details to follow shortly.

Stoving Varnish

A team have been established to review the adoption of a suitable solventless stoving varnish to replace our standard Xylene soluble 1010 stoving varnish.

“No work is so important that it can not be completed safely”

know-how makes the difference

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