

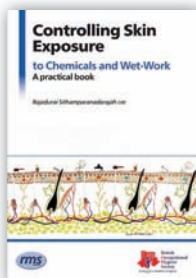
Info Update

Model risk assessments

The HSE has issued another batch of example risk assessments, designed to help firms understand what a 'good enough' record of a risk assessment looks like.

Although they are not generic assessments that firms can just add their name to and adopt without any thought, the examples show the kind of risk assessment approach HSE expects a small firm to take.

The latest examples are for a charity shop, motor vehicle bodyshop and factory maintenance work, and join around 30 others. They can all be found at: www.hse.gov.uk/risk/casestudies/index.htm



Skin safety book

The British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) has published a new book on controlling skin exposure to chemicals and

wet work, which aims to provide practical help for safety professionals on dermal exposure risk management.

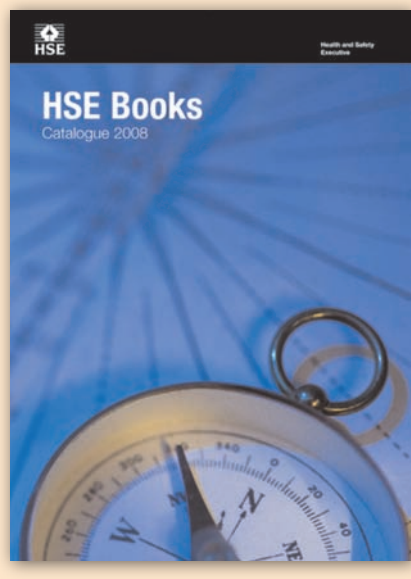
Written By Bob Rajan, an HSE inspector who specialises in skin care at work, the book provides information about the diseases caused by dermal exposure and the chemicals involved, regulatory requirements related to dermal exposure and risk management strategies.

Illustrated with photographs, figures and tables throughout, the book is aimed at safety professionals in any industry that can be affected by dermal exposure to hazardous substances. These include agriculture, beauty salons and hairdressers, bookbinders and printers, cleaning trades, caterers, construction, health services and vehicle repair.

'Controlling Skin Exposure to Chemicals and Wet-Work', ISBN 978-1-906674-00-7, price £19.95, can be purchased from ACT Associates Ltd on T.01384 447915, or www.actassociates.co.uk

HSE Books' catalogue

HSE Books has published a useful 2008 catalogue listing all of its free and priced guidance leaflets, booklets, Approved Codes of Practice, posters and DVDs. 'HSE Books 2008 catalogue', CAT34/08, can be obtained free from HSE Books.



HSE lead portal page

The HSE has launched a new set of webpages providing guidance on working safely with lead.

Aimed at people who work in industrial processes which create lead dust, fume or vapour, the site provides advice on health risks, managing exposure, relevant legislation and health surveillance. It can be found at: www.hse.gov.uk/lead/index.htm

Asbestos pack from 3M

To support the HSE's 'Hidden Killer' asbestos awareness campaign, PPE specialist 3M is offering a free technical bulletin for workers and managers who may undertake non-licensed asbestos work.

The bulletin covers the issues surrounding asbestos and its effects, as well as the necessary PPE required for non-licensed asbestos work in the UK. It comes with free samples of 3M respirators.

Asbestos exposure is Britain's biggest workplace killer with 20

tradespeople a week dying from asbestos-related diseases and deaths continuing to rise.

Copies of the technical guide and free sample respirators can be obtained by registering your details at www.3m.co.uk/ohes/asbestos or by calling 3M's UK health and safety helpline on T.0870 60 800 60.

Waste industry DVD

The Sector Skills Council for the waste management industry has produced a free interactive CD-ROM to help raise health and safety awareness among staff in the sector.

Based on a day-in-the-life of cartoon waste management operative 'Streetsafe Sam', the training CD focuses on commercial and industrial dry waste collection, and follows two earlier CDs on domestic waste collection and civil amenity sites.

The CD includes interactive hazard awareness exercises to test the individual's knowledge of health and safety with regard to sorting waste, manual handling and dealing with the public. At the end of the programme, a certificate is awarded and a report indicates any areas for improvement.

The CDs have been produced by Energy & Utility Skills and other stakeholders, with waste management firm Veolia Environmental Services helping with the latest module.

They can be obtained free by emailing streetsafesam@euskills.co.uk or visiting www.euskills.co.uk/waste



Website for Wales

The HSE has launched a new bilingual website aimed at keeping people in Wales up-to-date with the latest health and safety news from the organisation and events affecting them.