



## NEBOSH NATIONAL DIPLOMA



To compliment our existing NEBOSH National General and NEBOSH Construction Certificate courses, PFA

Consulting is pleased to announce that NEBOSH have recently approved our application to deliver the NEBOSH Diploma. Since its introduction, the NEBOSH Diploma has become established as the most popular qualification of its kind, with over 10,000 students having successfully passed the Diploma.



The qualification also provides delegates with a sound basis for progression to MSc level. Our initial course commenced in October 2010



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and further courses are scheduled to commence in early 2011.

Please see the course dates on page 4 for more information.

## BRITISH WORK-RELATED DEATH RATE IS LOWEST IN EUROPE.

The HSE has released new figures confirming that Britain has the lowest rate of work-related deaths in Europe and one of the lowest levels of occupational ill health, but there are fears that this record may not be sustainable in the face of cuts to the regulator's budget.

Following the release of provisional statistics for 2009/10 in June, the new figures confirm that 152 people were killed at work – the lowest level on record and down 15 per cent on last year's total of 179, which was the previous low. The number of deaths

corresponds to a rate of 0.5 per 100,000 workers, compared with an EU average rate of 2.1 per 100,000 workers. Of the main industrial sectors, construction and agriculture recorded the most fatalities, with 42 and 38 deaths, respectively.

## CONSTRUCTIONSKILLS HEALTH & SAFETY TESTS

PFA Consulting is an accredited ConstructionSkills IBT Centre (Internet Based Testing). The ConstructionSkills Health & Safety tests set the standard for the construction industry. Passing the test ensures that those working in construction and related industries have a minimum level of health and safety awareness.

The test is under continuous review by ConstructionSkills to keep it in line with current legislation and ensure it meets industry requirements.

We recommend that delegates enrol on a short pre-test training session or attend one of the relevant ConstructionSkills courses, followed by the test.



## CONSTRUCTIONSKILLS ACCREDITED COURSES AVAILABLE

- ConstructionSkills Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) 5 day course
- ConstructionSkills Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme SSSTS - 2 day course
- ConstructionSkills Site Management Refresher Scheme 2 day course
- ConstructionSkills H & S Awareness Course (pre CSCS test) 1 day course



## CARE HOMES CLOSE AHEAD OF TOUGH NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Thirty-four care homes and eight agencies providing care in people's homes have closed in the past 12 months following regulatory action, the system is about to get tougher on poor care, with a wider range of enforcement powers that includes on-the-spot fines,



warning notices and suspension of registration, as well as prosecution and closure.

In six cases, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have issued a legal notice to close services. The regulator's concerns included: verbal and psychological abuse of residents; medicines not being managed safely, leaving people at risk of not being able to receive vital medication; lack of medical and nursing care; staff not legally able to work in the country and lack of staff training.

In the same period, another 51 services voluntarily closed after CQC rated them "poor". This includes 39 care homes with about 900 residents, 11 agencies providing care in people's homes and one agency providing nursing care.

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2008, CQC have launched a new registration system. It introduces new



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essential standards of quality and safety that everyone should be able to expect when they receive care.

(source [www.cqc.org.uk](http://www.cqc.org.uk))

PFA Consulting offer health and safety advice and training to care providers and care managers tailored requirements. If you would like assistance in ensuring that your facility is safe, please contact PFA Consulting on 01793 828000.

### TYRE FIRM FINED AFTER WORKER SUFFERS HEAD INJURY

Wolverhampton company, Goodyear Dunlop, was fined after a teenage employee fractured his skull whilst maintaining machinery. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) prosecuted the company after one of its maintenance team struck his head at the firm's Wolverhampton site. The firm was fined £18,250 and ordered to pay £4,807 costs after contravening Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

HSE inspector said: "This incident was entirely preventable had there been

a safe system in place to ensure that services to the press had been isolated prior to the start of the maintenance work. It is also clear that the maintenance team were insufficiently trained to carry out the necessary diagnostic work on this piece of machinery."

### BURNLEY FIRM FINED £16K AFTER WORKERS' HEARING PUT AT RISK

A Burnley manufacturing company has been fined £16,000 after it ignored a formal warning about noise levels at its factory. HSE prosecuted Equestrian Surfaces Ltd for putting its employees' hearing at risk, despite being given two

extensions to an Improvement Notice requiring a reduction in their daily noise exposure levels.

### COMPANY FINED AFTER DEATH OF DONCASTER WORKER AT IMMINGHAM

A Durham company has been fined £120,000 at Grimsby Crown Court after safety failings led to the death of a man at its coal processing plant in Immingham. Hargreaves (UK) Services Ltd of Esh Winning, Durham, a major energy support services company, pleaded guilty to a breach of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The company was also ordered to pay £35,000 in costs .

**Q** Am I allowed to clear snow and ice from outside of my business premises?

**A** There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your property. If an accident did happen, it's highly unlikely that you would be sued as long as you:

- are careful
- use common sense to make sure that you don't make the pavement or pathway clearly more dangerous than before.



People using areas affected by snow and ice also have responsibility to be careful themselves.

**Q** Our electrician refuses to put up new lights unless I can prove that the ceiling does not contain asbestos - what should I do?

**A** The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006, Regulation 4 Duty to manage asbestos in non-domestic premises is applicable and the Employer is obligated to conduct a suitable and sufficient assessment of his premises in order to comply with the Regulations. Where the assessment shows that asbestos is or is liable to be present in any part of the premises an up to date record of the location and condition of the Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) or presumed ACMs must be

## Q&A

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available containing the following information:-

- an assessment of the risk from the material;
- a plan that sets out in detail how you are going to manage the risk from this material;
- the steps needed to put your plan into action;
- measures to review and monitor your plan and the arrangements made to put it in place;
- set up a system for providing information on the location and condition of the material to anyone (including electricians) who are liable to work on or disturb it.

You must appoint a competent person to carry out all or part of the work to meet the requirements of the duty. You will be involved in the final assessment of the potential risk, it is you who will know how the premises are used and what disturbance is likely to occur.

**Q** An employee recently tripped over a loose cable in the office falling down and cutting their head requiring treatment in hospital - What do I need to do?

**A** There are a number of issues to consider; every employer must ensure so far as is reasonably practicable the health, safety and welfare at work of all his employees. There should be



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regular inspections of the workplace to ensure good housekeeping measures are maintained.

You should also comply with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981. First-aid providers and/or appointed persons should maintain a record of incidents that require their attendance. I recommend that where practicable, a central record be kept.

Additionally, The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 1995 may apply:-

- Accidents, which incapacitate from work an employee or self-employed person working under the control of the Company for more than 3 days (excluding the day of the accident).

- Procedure for Accident, Incident or Near Miss Investigation.

These should be investigated by the Employer in order to identify the root cause and prevent further occurrences. All relevant information should be recorded on a database to assist in identifying trends and possible areas for improvement.

The investigation process should be conducted with an open mind and not to identify a "scapegoat" by adopting a "no blame approach". Once the investigation has been completed the documentation should be kept in a suitable location by the Employer.

# SAFETY MATTERS 2011 TRAINING DATES



## SPECIAL OFFER



NEBOSH National Diploma  
£4,935 (Normal cost £6,395)

Book a place on the Diploma course dates listed on our training schedule by 31st December 2010 and receive each delegate place for £4,935

NEBOSH Diploma Revision and Exam dates - 4th - 7th of July

We run a number of closed courses for clients. Please call Tracey Deick for information on dates, availability and costs of our accredited courses.

We send our congratulations to our delegates on their excellent results.

Our pass rates remain well above the national average.



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SHE Support Manager



Course Title	January	February	March	April	May	June
<b>NEBOSH Diploma</b>						
Unit A (Three weeks)		07-11	07-11 & 28 - 01 April			
Unit B (Two weeks)				11-15	16-20	
Unit C (Two weeks)						13-17 & 27-01 Jul
Revision Unit A	17					
Exams Unit A	18					
<b>NEBOSH National General Certificate</b>						
Week One		31 Jan- 04			09-13	
Week Two		21-25			23-27	
<b>Revision &amp; Exams (Wed,Thurs,Fri)</b>						
Revision			9			8
Practical (p.m)			10			9
NGC1 (a.m)			11			10
NGC2 (p.m)			11			10
<b>NEBOSH National Construction Certificate</b>						
Week one		31 Jan- 04				
Week Two		14-18				
Week Three			28 Feb - 04			
<b>Exams (Wed,Thurs,Fri)</b>						
Revision			9			8
NCC1 (a.m)			10			9
Practical (p.m)			10			9
NGC1 (a.m)			11			10
<b>NEBOSH National Construction Conversion</b>						
Please refer to weeks two & three of Construction course - conversion course can be taken providing candidate has passed NGC1 within the last five years						
<b>Construction Skills (CITB)</b>						
SMSTS - 5 Day Site Management Training Scheme	10-14	31 Jan, 01, 07, 08 & 14	14-18	04-08	23-27	06,07,13,14,20
SSSTS - 2 Day Site Supervisor Training Scheme	27-28	24-25	24-25	18-19	05-06	30-01 Jul
SMSTRS - 2 Day Site Management Refresher Scheme	25-26	17-18	21-22	20-21	31-01 June	21-22
1 day H & S Awareness Course (pre CSCS test)	7, 24	16, 28	4, 25	01, 29	3,31	7, 23
1 day H & S Awareness Course (pre CSCS test- Including TEST)	7, 24	16, 28	4, 25	01, 29	3,31	7, 23
<b>IOSH</b>						
4 Day IOSH Managing Safely	17-20			26-29		06-09
<b>Chartered Institute Environmental Health</b>						
1 Day CIEH Conflict Resolution and Personal Safety	31	21	21	18	06	20
1 Day CIEH Environmental Awareness Certificate	28	28	28	19	16	24
1 Day CIEH Level 2 Award in Health & Safety in the Workplace	12		21			15
1 Day CIEH Level 2 Award in Principles of Risk Assessment	13		22			16
1 Day CIEH Level 2 Award in Principles of COSHH	14		23			17
1 Day CIEH Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid At Work	26	25	25	26	31	20
5 Day CIEH Level 3 Award in Preparing to Teach in Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS)	17-21		14-18			20-24
<b>Asbestos</b>						
1/2 Day Asbestos Awareness Course	31		24		03	
<b>First Aid (HSE)</b>						
3 Day First Aid at Work	04-06		21-23		04-06	
2 Day FAW Refresher		31 Jan - 01		27-28		21-23
1 Day Emergency First Aid at Work	7	21	24	08	20	24