



## Watson & Watson Health and Safety Consultants Ltd

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**NEWSLETTER - May 2024**



### **BUILDING SAFETY ACT USEFUL LINKS**

HSE Building Safety Reform Link -

- [building safety reforms](#)

**Building Control -**

- Details of registered building inspectors and registered building control approvers in England and Wales can now be found by searching BSR's public registers.
- All building inspectors and private sector businesses who carry out building control work in England and Wales must be registered with BSR.

#### **Registers For England -**

- [Find a registered building inspector in England](#)
- [Find a registered building control approver in England](#)

#### **Registers For Wales -**

- [Find a registered building inspector in Wales](#)
- [Find a registered building control approver in Wales](#)

#### **Managing Building Control Approval for Higher-Risk Buildings -**

If you've received building control approval from BSR for higher-risk building work you can:

- Make a change control application for major changes to the proposed work
- Tell BSR about notifiable changes

When you make a change control application you must stop building works related to that change.

For a major change application, BSR must assess and approve it before the proposed work starts.

Work related to a notifiable change cannot start until after you inform BSR.

[Find out how and when to make a change control application](#)

### **Higher-Risk Building Completion Certificates -**

You can apply for a completion or partial completion certificate after higher-risk building work has been completed.

You will need both:

- the building control approval application reference
- access to the email address used for the original building control approval application

A building completion certificate is required to register a high-rise residential building.

[Read the guidance on applying for building completion certificates](#)

*Source: Building Safety Regulator eBulletin*



## **BUILDING SAFETY REGULATOR NEWS IN SUMMARY**

BSR Launch Campaign for Residents of High-Rise Buildings

BSR have launched 'Your Home, Your Safety' a campaign to inform residents of high-rise buildings (HRBs) in England about their new rights.

This first step to directly engage residents in the new building safety regime aims to:

- Empower residents with knowledge about their new rights
- Reassure residents that fire and structural safety risks in their buildings are being properly managed

If you are a resident in a HRB visit our ['Your Home, Your Safety' campaign page](#) to find out more.

### Search HRB Registration Information Online

Using our new portal you can find a building's registration information using its postcode. The information you can find on a registered building includes:

- Name and address details
- Year built
- Height in metres
- Number of storeys
- Number of residential units
- Details of Accountable and Principal Accountable persons

[Access the HRB register portal](#)

If you think a building should be registered but you are unable to find it on the portal you can [contact us](#).

### Mandatory Occurrence Reporting

Principal designers and principal contractors must submit MORs during:

- construction of a new higher-risk building
- work on an existing higher-risk building, including work that causes it to stop being a higher-risk building

- work on an existing building that will make it a higher-risk building

Accountable persons must also submit MORs for the parts of high-rise residential buildings they are responsible for.

[Read our guide on the process for reporting MORs](#)

## Government News

### Second staircases

Following publication of [updated guidance](#) calling for second staircases in all new tall residential buildings over 18 metres, Secretary of State, Michael Gove, made a statement to Parliament outlining the impact of the changes.

[Read the statement](#)

*Source: Building Safety Regulator eBulletin May/March 2024*



## **GAS SAFETY (MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996 - (as Amended / Updated)**

A guide to the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended)' (L80) now has updated guidance on regulations.

It provides advice and explains regulatory requirements, including changes made under the Gas Safety (Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 which came into force on 6 April 2023.

The publication is for anyone who has duties under the Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 (as amended). For example:

- Gas conveyors
- Emergency reporting service providers
- Gas shippers
- Terminal operators

You can [download the updated publication at the HSE website](#).

*Source: HSE ebulletin 16th April 2024*



## **HSE**

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE - Legal Requirements**

There are a number of legal duties which all businesses must comply with on workplace health, safety and welfare.

We have a [workplace, health, safety and welfare website](#) which brings together general guidance for all workplaces to follow.

This includes [the law on workplace safety](#), which covers a wide range of basic health, safety and welfare issues.

There is also guidance on a variety of topics and legal duties that all businesses should follow, including:

- [temperature](#)
- [ventilation](#)
- [emergency procedures](#)

*Source: HSE Weekly Digest eBulletin 7th March 2024*



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## **NOISE AT WORK -**

### **Make Sure You Protect Worker's Hearing**

**Research on noise-induced hearing loss shows around a fifth of workers could be exposed to high noise levels while doing their job.**

The issue of noise at work is the subject of a scientific report recently discussed by specialists in the field. A Workplace Health Expert Committee report says about 20% of the working population in Great Britain could be exposed to high noise levels (more than 85 dBA).

While new cases of [occupational deafness](#) have dropped over the past decade, HSE is urging workplaces to consider the shout test to manage noise at work and ways to give workers' ears a break.

Find out more by reading our:

- [noise at work article](#)

- [construction specific guidance](#) in relation to noise at work

*Source: HSE eBulletin 19th Feb 2024*



## **MENTAL HEALTH**

HSE's Working Minds campaign welcomes new partners across the construction industry to help reach trades and offer free support.

[Working Minds](#) helps employers prevent stress and support good mental health, providing free online learning and resources.

If you or someone you know needs help or support, reach out and ask how they are feeling and coping.

- [Read our latest press release](#)
- [Visit our Working Minds website](#) to access free tools and support, including free online learning, templates and details of helplines

## **HSE - RIDDOR GUIDANCE**

**There are no changes to legal requirements, but the updated guidance will help you understand how and when to submit a report under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR).**

### **Main changes to the Guidance:**

- More direct links to guidance on types of reportable incidents to help you decide whether a report is required
- Improved guidance on who should and should not report under RIDDOR
- Improved guidance on what is meant by a 'work-related' accident
- Information on when an occupational disease is not reportable
- Increased clarity on when an 'over-7-day' absence should be reported

### **Main changes to the Forms:**

- Questions about severity of injuries have been frontloaded to help you quickly decide if your incident is reportable
- Pop-up messages now redirect you if the incident is not reportable
- Guidance has been improved to make the forms easier to use

**[Go to the updated guidance on RIDDOR](#)**

## **RIDDOR & COVID:**

Please reference this link to see requirements for Reporting -

[RIDDOR AND COVID](#)

*Source: HSE WEEKLY DIGEST eBulletin 18th April 2024*



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## **PROTECT YOUR WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE & AGGRESSION**

**Violence and aggression at work can have a serious impact on your workers physical and mental health.**

HSE's [guidance on violence at work](#) will help you protect your workers.

The guidance will help you -

- Assess the risks
- Put the right controls in place to protect workers
- Report and learn from incidents

We also have specific guidance on how to support your workers after a violent incident. There are also [examples drawn from typical situations](#).

In addition, there is separate [advice for workers](#), which explains how they can help employers prevent violent incidents at work.

Those who work alone can be particularly vulnerable and we have specific advice on [how employers should protect lone workers from violence](#).

*Source: HSE WEEKLY DIGEST eBulletin 11th April 2024*



## HEALTH & SAFETY IS VITAL FOR ALL NEW, SEASONAL & TEMPORARY WORKERS

It is vital that employers protect the health and safety of gig economy, agency and temporary workers.

Workers are as likely to have an accident in their first 6 months at work as during the whole of the rest of their working life.

We have advice around [protecting those who are new to the job](#), including 6 ways to protect new starters.

Our website has guidance to help [users and suppliers of agency and temporary workers](#) understand their health and safety responsibilities.

If you are an [agency or temporary worker](#) your health and safety is protected by law and employment businesses (agencies) have a duty to make sure they follow it.

*Source: HSE Weekly Digest eBulletin 1st May 2024*



## **RECYCLING COMPANY FINED £1.2M**

**A Yorkshire metals recycling company has been fined £1.2m after a worker was injured after being struck by a wagon at a processing site.**

**FOR THE FULL STORY -**

[Click Here or on the Picture Below](#)

*Source: SHP 3rd May 2024*



## **HOUSING FIRM PROSECUTED AFTER WORKER HIT UNDERGROUND CABLE**

**The company was fined £528,000 after a worker repairing a fence**

**post inadvertently struck an underground cable, suffering burns to his face.**

The worker and a colleague had been tasked by the company to repair 3 fence posts in a back garden of a tenant. One of the workers struck an underground electrical cable when trying to break through some concrete using a breaker.

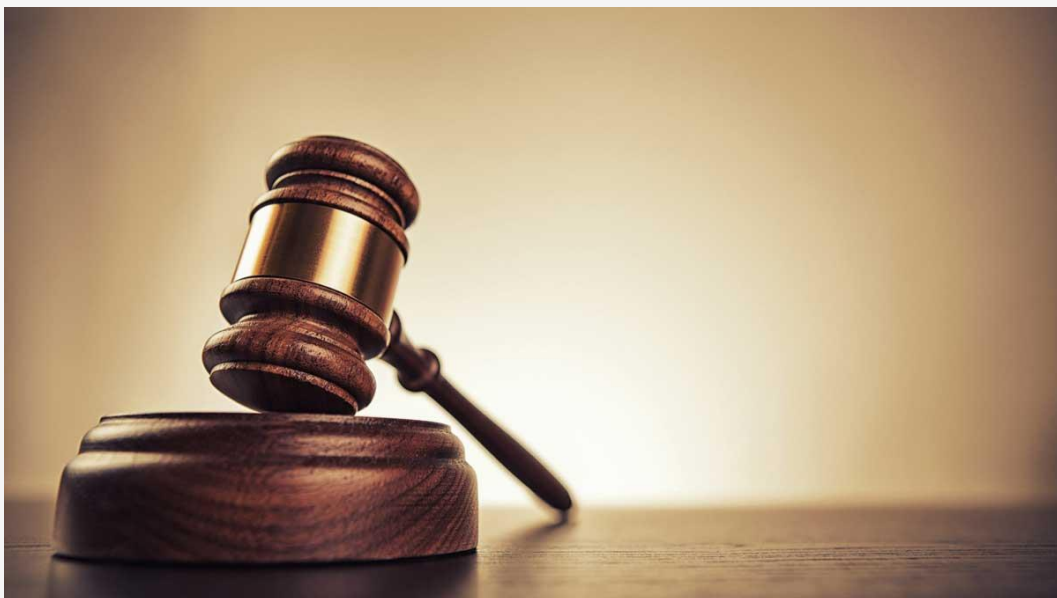
HSE's investigation found that the company had failed to provide the workers with:

- Information on the location of an electrical cable and gas pipe
- The tools to safely excavate around the cable and pipe

**FOR THE FULL STORY -**

[Click Here or on the Picture Below](#)

*Source: HSE Weekly Digest eBulletin 3rd May 2024*



## **METAL RECYCLING COMPANY FINED AFTER WORKER'S ARM SEVERED**

**The scrap metal recycling company has been fined £200,000 after a worker's arm was severed when it became entangled in a catalytic converter sampling machine.**

HSE's investigation found that the company failed to prevent access to dangerous parts of machinery, namely the rotating parts of a rotary valve inside the sampling machine.

**FOR THE FULL STORY -**

[Click Here or on the Picture Below](#)

*Source: HSE Waste & Recycling eBulletin 30TH April 2024*



## **GAS TRADER HANDED SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR ILLEGAL WORK**

**The self-employed trader was also ordered to pay £3,000 in compensation and £5,000 in costs to the homeowner after falsely claiming he was Gas Safe Registered.**

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*Source: HSE eBulletin: NEWS UPDATES 30th April 2024*



## **IOSH MANAGING SAFELY COURSE - June 2024 £475 + vat**

The IOSH Managing Safely is an extremely popular 3-day course which provides a good understanding of Health & Safety Management, Legislation and Risk Assessment.

The course is ideal for those with responsibilities for supervising and managing health and safety and risk assessments within the workplace.

**The course is to run over three consecutive days -**

**11th of June 2024**

**12th of June 2024**

**13th of June 2024**

**The venue will be in the Mansfield area of Nottinghamshire.**

If you would like to find out more about this course or other services Watson and Watson can offer please give us a call on 01623 753 654.

**Or to Book Online visit -**

<https://www.watsonandwatsonsafety.co.uk/health-and-safety-training/iosh/iosh-managing-safely/>



## **IOSH MANAGING SAFELY REFRESHER COURSE**

**IOSH Managing Safely Refresher is an engaging one-day course that revisits the key elements of IOSH Managing Safely for those who have completed the full 3-day course in the last 3 to 5 years\* and gained a good understanding of Health and Safety Legislation and Risk Assessment as well as specific skills and expertise in managing health and safety within your workplace.**

*\*IOSH require you to provide a copy of your original certificate number to register on the Refresher course*

### **Why Complete the IOSH Managing Safely Refresher Course?**

- Greater skill, knowledge and expertise in managing health and safety within your team
- Revisit and improve your understanding of health and safety
- Internationally recognised certification for both managers and supervisors
- Improve company-wide health and safety awareness culture and appreciation for safety measures
- Increased workplace productivity due to fewer hours lost to accidents and sickness

**The course is to run on the -**

**15th of May 2024 at a cost of £175 + vat per delegate**

**The venue is yet to be confirmed but it will be in the Mansfield area of Nottinghamshire.**

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## **WATSON & WATSON HEALTH & SAFETY CONSULTANTS LTD - SSIP ASSISTANCE**

### **SSIP ASSISTANCE CLIENTS**

Please note, once Watson and Watson have assisted clients in achieving their SSIP certificate, it is then the clients responsibility to ensure that the portal remains up to date going forward (e.g. with company insurances if / as required.)

Watson and Watson can offer a SSIP Monitoring service to ensure that going forward Client portals remain up to date after the initial compliance achievement. If you would like to discuss the Watson and Watson SSIP monitoring service more please call the office on 01623 753 654.

### **DO YOU REQUIRE US TO DO ANY WORK?**

We would be happy to do this for you, however, our consultants are really busy, which is great, but this is a reminder that if you need any work carrying out, then please give us at least one weeks notice. This enables us to complete work for you in a timely manner.

If you would like to find out more about the services Watson and Watson can offer to support your company please give us a call on 01623 753 654.



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**- FIRST AID TRAINING**

**We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be providing First  
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Watch this space or call us for more information.

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**POLITE NOTICE -**

**Short Notice Work Requirements**

**Please be aware that we need at least two weeks notification of the  
requirement to provide Additional Work (RAMS etc).**

**Additional Work being defined as work which we have not previously**

**contracted to undertake on your engagement of our service.**

**Please feel free call us to clarify -**

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