

## Linsafe are now part of something bigger, PIB Group

## Summer 2018

We are pleased to announce that Linsafe (H&S) has become part of PIB Risk Management Ltd.

The merging of Linsafe with PIB Risk Management Ltd, part of the PIB Group, now enables us to enhance the range of services we can offer our clients whilst retaining the high level service and national coverage that you are used to.

The established Linsafe brand will be retained and our team will remain with the business.

Other than an opportunity for us to provide improved services to our clients, you will not see a difference in the way we will work with you.

### Additional Services

As well as offering Risk Management Services, PIB also provide Insurance Services, Business Continuity Planning, Fire Risk Management, Security, Quality Assurance and HR & Employment Law support. This means that our clients can benefit from a one-stop shop for H&S and Business Services. If you would like more information about PIB Risk Management and PIB Group visit the website <https://www.pib-riskmanagement.co.uk/> and <https://www.pibgroup.co.uk/>.

**SUN SAFETY AWARENESS AND ACTION: FAST FACTS**  
WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAT OCCUPATIONAL CANCER

- if you've had one non-melanoma skin cancer, you're **nine times more likely to get another one**
- getting painful sunburn just once every two years can **triple the risk of melanoma**
- 90%** OF ALL SKIN CANCER DEATHS COULD BE PREVENTED IF PEOPLE CONTROLLED THEIR EXPOSURE TO UV
- 5 WORKERS A DAY GET SKIN CANCER IN BRITAIN**
- UP TO 80%** of dangerous UV rays can get through a cloudy sky
- two-thirds of UK construction workers outside for nearly seven hours a day **don't know they are at risk of getting skin cancer**

Follow the campaign at [twitter.com/\\_NTTL](https://twitter.com/_NTTL)  
[www.notimetolose.org.uk](http://www.notimetolose.org.uk)

### Sun Safety Awareness & Action.

Linsafe have been a strong supporter of the IOSH No time to loose campaigns, with the recent high temperatures for workers its vital to help promote the Sun Safety Awareness campaign. Here is an example along with the link to download for free useful tools. Remember Protect your workers from cancer caused by UV exposure.



## **MPs CALL FOR FFI TO BE EXPANDED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Occupational Safety and Health recently published a report looking at the enforcement of health and safety by Local Authorities.

APPGs are informal cross-party groups run by and for Members of the Commons and Lords to provide a forum for the discussion and promotion of specific issues. While these groups have no official status within Parliament the subjects that they consider and the reports they release can give a guide to the issues that are of interest to members of parliament.

This particular report looks at the recent fall in inspection activity by local authority officers and relations between the HSE and Local authorities.

One area considered is local Authority funding for inspection and enforcement activity. The report recommends that the Fee For Intervention scheme currently operated by the HSE is expanded to include local authorities and states this "could prove to be an incentive to local councils to improve their levels of enforcement activity".

Fee For Intervention was launched in October 2012 and allows the HSE to charge organisations for the costs involved in investigating, issuing notices and assisting in correcting material breaches of health and safety regulations.

The report also recommends that all new enterprises should receive a visit as soon as is practical.

The APPG is chaired by Jo Stevens MP and the report can be found on Jo Stevens website at <http://jostevens.co.uk/report-local-authorities-and-health-and-safety/><sup>1</sup>

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## **Company fined for exposing employees to dust**

A furniture manufacturer has been fined after exposing its employees to significant quantities of hardwood dust, a hazardous substance known to cause occupational asthma and nasal cancer.

Luton Magistrates' Court heard how employees in Andrena Furniture Ltd's workshop were exposed to hardwood dust on a daily basis. One of the reasons for such high levels of the hazardous substance was found to be the company's extraction system, which when tested was found to be inefficient during a HSE inspection in 2016.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) also found that following previous visits, and verbal and written advice, the company failed to ensure standards achieved following previous inspections were maintained. The investigation also found the company should have identified its workshop contained significant quantities of hardwood dust and then do all that it could to reduce exposure to its employees, including ensuring extraction was working efficiently and implementing a robust cleaning regime.

Andrena Furniture Ltd of Geddings Road, Hoddesdon, Herts pleaded guilty to breaching Regulations 7(1) and 9(2)(a) of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 and was fined £8,000. The company was also ordered to pay costs of £1081.40.

Speaking after the hearing, HSE inspector Sandra Dias said: "Andrena Furniture Ltd was fully aware of the health and safety standards it needed to maintain.

"Breathing in dust can cause life-changing lung disease or make existing conditions worse. Thousands of people die from work-related lung diseases every year, often due to continued exposure over a long period of time.

"Everyone has the right to go home healthy from work and employers must do the right thing to protect their workers and ensure this happens.

"This case should serve as a warning to others that HSE takes seriously repeated breaches of health and safety law that exposes employees to health risks."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ioshmagazine.com/article/contractor-pays-ps566670-line-strike-no-injury>

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## **Tonic Construction Ltd has been fined £200,000 following the death of a dumper driver, who tried and failed to jump clear when his machine overturned.**

Cheltenham Magistrates' Court heard how 29-year-old Shaun Carter was driving a forward tipping dumper truck on Tuesday 31st May 2016 onto the top of a spoil heap on a house-building site in Cirencester. The dumper became stuck on the edge of the spoil heap, and as Mr Carter jumped off the vehicle, it flipped over and struck him. He sustained serious head injuries and died at the scene."

An investigation by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) into the incident found that it was practice on this and other sites for dumpers to access spoil heaps with no barriers to prevent over-running. To compound the situation, an excavator had removed some of this particular spoil heap creating a sheer face.

Tonic Construction Ltd pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 2 (1) of The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. It was fined £200,000 plus a victim surcharge of £170 and ordered to pay costs of £5,565.80.

HSE inspector Sue Adsett said after the hearing: "Risks associated with the creation of spoil heaps had not been suitably and sufficiently assessed. Either the company should have decided on a safer method which avoided the need for the dumper to access spoil heaps (as they have done

after the accident), or they should have introduced stricter management arrangements which would have included bunds at a safe distance from the edge."

For its part, Tonic Construction responded to the incident by driving an industry initiative to have enclosed safety cabs fitted to forward-tipping dumper trucks. This also led to the Construction Plant-hire Association producing new guidance on the safe use of these machines<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/tonic-fined-200k-over-dumper-drivers-death?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/tonic-fined-200k-over-dumper-drivers-death?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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## **SCAFFOLDING SAFETY ALERT**

With the school summer holidays fast approaching the HSE have issued a safety alert reminding contractors and those in charge of construction work of the need to assess the site and ensure suitable measures are in place to prevent members of the public, especially children, from climbing scaffolds and ladders.

While it may not be possible to deter the most determined of trespassers there are actions that can be taken to prevent unauthorised access onto scaffolding and other work platforms. The safety alert states that site perimeter fencing should be the primary means of denial, but there may be a need for additional local fencing and routine removal of access ladders or use of locked guards or covers to make access ladders unavailable.

The full text of the safety alert which gives more information on site perimeter fencing, local fencing for vulnerable areas, ladder guards, ladder removal and other controls can be found at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/ladders-and-scaffold-security.htm>

Please speak to your usual Lincsafe contact if you would like to discuss any aspect of safety for construction, demolition and refurbishment sites.

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# Need to Know news...

Whats new in 2018

Please find the Lincsafe (Health & Safety) latest training dates for 2018 (so far), at our offices in Lincolnshire, between Lincoln & Scunthorpe. All prices inc Books and Certification; If you would like further information on Lincsafe (Health & Safety) courses please contact our office.

**Gate Safe Awareness** - - Call for details or see <http://gate-safe.org/>

**Asbestos Awareness Cat A UKATA** - Initial  
5th Nov - £65p.p+VAT

## **IOSH Managing Safely 4 day course**

October 8,9,15,16 - 2018 £465+VAT p.p.

## **IOSH Managing Safely Refresher 1 day**

Dates to be released upon demand, please contact the Lincsafe office.

## **IOSH Working Safely 1 Day course**

Dates to be released upon demand, so please feel free to contact the Lincsafe office.

## **CSkills SMSTS 5 Day course**

December 3,4,10,11,12 -£550+VAT per person

## **CSkills SMSTS Refresher 2 Day course**

October 11th & 12th - £375+VAT per person

December 17th & 18th - £375+VAT per person

## **CSkills SSSTS 2 day Course**

November 26th & 27th - £300+VAT per person

## **CSkills SSSTS Refresher 1 day Course**

May 22nd - £220+VAT per person

## **IOSH Safety for Executives & Directors 1 day course.**

Dates to be released - £140pp + VAT.

All prices inc Books and Certification; if you would like further information please contact our Lincolnshire office on:-

01673 876 150

or

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### ***Pictured left:***

The Chestnut Homes Quadrant site team receive some inhouse Mobile Tower Training by John Lacey.

