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H & S UPDATE May 2011

Practical fire training courses in the use of fire extinguishers have been booked for 11 & 12 May. Contact Koran Brown on k.j.brown@sheffield.ac.uk for more details or to book a place on either course. Also we are having queries at every Fire Safety Training lecture on the requirements for postgraduate students who are required to work outside normal working hours. Please note that all who are required to work outside normal working hours should attend a Fire Safety Training lecture in their first year here at Sheffield and successfully complete the on-line Out of Hours course. Fire Training should be updated annually using the online training option, and Out of Hours training retaken very 3 years.

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*Safety Services are continuing to run the short presentation and discussion seminars for Departmental Disability Liaison Officers. The seminars cover the University's **responsibilities for and evacuation of disabled staff, students or visitors** to departments, giving the legal background, looking at the responsibilities of Departments and looking at the options and help available for safe evacuation of disabled people.*

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The Department of Finance are currently drafting generic "**Standard Terms & Conditions for Services**" which are to be appended to all orders for contract values of less than £25,000 to suppliers for services carried out within Departments. This follows on from the introduction of contract-specific "Terms & Conditions" for contract with values greater than £25,000. This will enable departments to expect minimum standards from their suppliers but will require departments to describe the services required in detail so that deviations from standards specified will be evident.

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HSE are currently **inspecting construction sites** across many regions of the UK and reporting that many sites are so dangerous that workers lives were being put at risk. Sites in South Yorkshire, Lincoln, Cheshire, Manchester & Merseyside were visited recently.

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A recently issued HSE/Local Authority Circular contains useful information for local authority enforcement officers when conducting inspections or accident investigations on slips and trips issues in catering establishments. See <http://www.hse.gov.uk/lau/lacs/77-5.htm>

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Chemistry & Physics Workshops are able to offer safety training courses for the "**Safe use and handling of Gas Cylinders**", for those who are required to move gas cylinders, and on "**Slinging & Lifting**" for those who are required to undertake lifting operations using mechanical lifting equipment and lifting accessories. Contact Garry Turner on [garry.turner@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:garry.turner@sheffield.ac.uk) for further information and to book onto courses.

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Safety Services recently contacted Departments to request a list of suppliers of services they use so that Contractor Assessments can be made with the aim of creating an "**Approved Supplier list for Services**" which will be available on the SAP system.

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As a result of issues highlighted during fire risk assessments, Safety Services have re-issued guidance on the provision and use of notice-boards in circulation areas and escape routes. this is now available on Safety Services web pages at <http://www.safety.dept.shef.ac.uk/fire-safety/guidanceuseofnoticeboards.pdf>