

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

Just like that, the Christmas and festive periods are over! We hope you all had a refreshing break, ready to hit the new year with a bang!

The newsletters and safety campaign will continue to be issued out at the beginning of each month, and starting next month our 'Meet the Team' section will be back up and running.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's been a bit wet!



The weather can play a significant role in affecting site health and safety even when projects are well-planned. Temporary works such as scaffolding and excavations will require additional checks to be undertaken and ensure that all temporary works have a design in place.

Heras fencing and hoardings must be checked to ensure that wind loadings have been considered and fencing installed to the design. Remove items which may act as a sail, or get a full temporary works design to ensure stability. Further guidance can be found [here](#).

Asbestos



Updated HSE guidance

The HSE has recently updated asbestos guidance on its website to add additional clarity. Although the law remains the same further guidance has been issued on the legislation in particular information on who duty holders are with examples given in relation to this. The updated guidance on the HSE website can be found [here](#).

Stress and mental health

This time of year can be a difficult time for many people including those working in the construction sector. As an employer, you must ensure that a risk assessment is in place to help protect your workforce and that they have the right level of support when needed. This includes requirements for managing stress and providing mental health support. There is a range of resources available including posters, helplines and guidance on websites such as [The Lighthouse Charity](#).

Further guidance has been issued by the HSE which can be found [here](#).



RECENT PROSECUTIONS



[Contractor fined for lack of welfare facilities](#)

[PC and roofing firm fined for fall through rooflight](#)

[Company fined after ladder fall](#)

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CSS strive to ensure that we offer the best possible advice as early as possible. If you have any concerns, or questions in relation to the project you are working on, please call us so that we can advise and offer any assistance that may be needed. We have a very approachable team who are there to help through the whole project process.



CDM TRAINING



CSS offer a range of CDM training sessions which can be carried out at a location that suits you, or online. This includes CDM training for all duty holders.

If you would like training undertaken please do not hesitate to contact our office on 01869 220649 where we will be happy to help.

Alternatively, if you want to discuss safety matters, or the newsletter contact Phil Davies on 07718 096940 or phildavies@constructionss.co.uk