

# Health and Safety Update

Welcome to the Eildon Safety Services 'Health and Safety update'. With the recession biting deeper each month, I have made the 'bronze' and 'gold' health and safety provision even more attractive to clients. I am now providing one and a half days consultancy time per year with the bronze service (£25.00 + vat per month), this is in addition to the retainer, telephone / email health and safety advice service and free online training. The Gold service has also been reduced, (now only £200.00 + vat per month) and that includes 12 days consultancy / training time per year. For further information please contact me on 01896 668897 or email me on [enquiries@eildonsafety.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eildonsafety.co.uk)

In addition, I have been recently been accepted as a member of the government approved 'Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register' (OSHCR). Remember for health and safety advice or assistance I am only a phone call away.

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## Ban on referral fees

The government has vowed to impose a ban on referral fees in a bid to stamp out spurious and inflated personal injury claims. They also want to impose a success fee on claimants when making a claim. The proposals are contained within the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment Offenders Bill. There is no date as to when this could become law.

## RIDDOR reporting












The RIDDOR telephone report line has been changed; only fatal and major injuries can now be reported over the phone. The HSE state that all incidents can easily be reported online at <https://www.hse.gov.uk/forms/incident/index.htm>

## HSE advice line

Due to financial cut backs the HSE telephone advice line has now been closed.

## Changes to hazardous substances labelling

You may have notice some new white / red / black labels appearing on hazardous substances packaging, they have replaced the old orange / black labels. They comply with the new European standard and meet the requirements of the Classification, Labelling and Packaging of substances and Mixtures Regulations 2009. The new labels are:

New Version							
Old version							
	<b>Carcinogenic</b> <i>i.e. may cause cancer</i>	<b>Toxic</b> <i>i.e. poisonous</i>	<b>Harmful</b> <i>i.e. can damage skin and organs</i>	<b>Corrosive</b> <i>i.e. damages skin and organs</i>	<b>Harmful</b> <i>i.e. easily catches fire</i>	<b>Harmful</b> <i>i.e. may spontaneously combust</i>	<b>Toxic to aquatic life</b> <i>environmental risk</i>

In addition to the new labels, the following words will be displayed, 'Danger' if the substance is a severe hazard, or if it is less hazardous, the word 'Warning'.

## Online health and safety training (*free to bronze, silver and gold clients*)

I am presently developing and amending a number of health and safety training courses.

'**Essentials for Fire wardens and fire marshals**' will be available from December 2011.

'**Working safely in retail**' will be available from January 2012.

'**Safety awareness**' and '**Safety induction**' are presently being reviewed and amended.