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HEALTH AND SAFETY BORING? FAR FROM IT MATE!

CASE STUDY: MARK STEVENS, BSG SAFETY ADVISER

"What's this health and safety lark all about then?" Mark Stevens regularly gets asked this question by former army colleagues who are about to face the same predicament he did around four years ago.

"It's a big step leaving the military, especially if like me it was your job for 23 years," Mark told us. "In your last few years it's firmly on the horizon, so you have to start thinking about what you're going to do next."

To support the transition from a military to a civilian career, the Armed Forces fund vocational training through the Enhanced Learning Credits (ELCs) scheme. As a Royal Engineer, Mark initially considered using his to support a move into a trade such as plumbing, but after seeing a few posters offering health and safety courses he decided to give that a go instead. "Health and safety seemed to be a popular option when it came to resettlement training. Those that had made this choice before me seemed to have gone on to have successful careers outside the army too."

Mark took the NEBOSH National Certificate in Fire Safety and Risk Management first. After passing this qualification he went on to gain the NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety, the NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety and the NEBOSH Certificate in Environmental Management.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY BORING? FAR FROM IT MATE!

"I thought having the full NEBOSH suite of certificates might help me stand out from the crowd and attract potential employers."

His plan worked and Mark found a health and safety position with a Construction, Design and Management consultancy before his time in the army was even up. One year later he applied for a role as a Health and Safety Advisor with the Building Safety Group and has worked there ever since.

The Building Safety Group, a not-for-profit organisation, was formed in the mid-1960s following the Aberfan disaster, an event which led to the deaths of 116 children and 28 adults. Following the tragedy, Bristol and South Wales based businesses clubbed together to pay for a retired policeman to visit construction sites in the area to ensure they were as safe as possible, in a time that preceded the Health and Safety at Work Act.

The Building Safety Group has expanded significantly since then and now provides around 20,000 construction site inspections to its 800 member companies each and every year. Mark is one of 35 employees based throughout the UK who carry out health and safety inspections and offer advice to ensure compliance and best practice procedures are being followed. *"It's a great organisation to work for; I absolutely love it."* said Mark.

So now when his former army friends ask him about health and safety, Mark has two clear messages. *"Firstly, it's a great role. I manage myself, I've got a good work-life balance and I am happy at the end of the day, which is the main thing isn't it?"*



"Secondly, I always recommend the NEBOSH route as it's the most well recognised and regarded option. NEBOSH qualifications are what employers and recruiters want. Without the NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety many won't even consider you, and the more you have beyond that the more you'll stand out."

He adds: *"You know one or two of my army friends have said to me, health and safety, is that not a boring job? And I always say 'not at all, far from it!' There's a new challenge facing you every day. I'd hate to be sat in a factory or office churning out the same thing every day. I get outside in the fresh air, I'm not spending months away from home anymore, which is brilliant, and I'm meeting new and interesting people every day. It's good fun, it makes me happy and I get to help keep people safe from harm. Each to their own of course, but for me it's a very enjoyable and fulfilling role."*

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BSG 2018 TRAINING DATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Please view our training schedules for:

[Bristol Training Schedule 2018](#)

[Cardiff Training Schedule 2018](#)

[Exeter Training Schedule 2018](#)

[Midlands Training Schedule 2018](#)

EN131 LADDER STANDARDS ARE BEING REVISED

A revised set of new EN131 ladder standards are due to be introduced to the European market from the 1st January 2018. These changes are designed primarily to address ladder stability and durability and introduce a classification of "use" to the new standard. Within the new standard ladders will be classified as "EN131 Professional", (intended for use in a workplace), and "EN131 Non-Professional" (intended for use by domestic users).

Product standards do not apply retrospectively so your existing BS2037, BS1129 and EN131 ladders are perfectly legal and fit for use as long as they are in good condition and fit for purpose. There is no immediate requirement to change your existing ladders because the product standards are being revised or withdrawn.

A transition period will be in place after the introduction of the new standard to allow manufacturers time to adapt to any relevant changes within the standards and gradually over time existing ladder stocks will be replaced with ladders certified to the new standards.

As long as your ladders and steps are regularly inspected and maintained in good condition there is no need to replace or exchange your existing ladders. Current BS2037, BS1129 and EN131 certified ladders are perfectly safe and fit for use.



Article sourced from: [Ladders Direct](#)

NOT ENOUGH BEING DONE TO TACKLE WORK-RELATED ILL-HEALTH, SAY GB'S BUSINESS LEADERS

Almost half of Britain's industry leaders do not feel enough is being done across industry to tackle cases of work-related ill-health, according to new research from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The research also found more than two-fifths of businesses are reporting a rise in cases of long-term ill-health with the majority (80%) stating tackling this growing problem is a priority within their organisation.

This news comes as HSE figures show that work-related ill-health is costing the economy more than £9bn with 26 million working days being lost, making it a priority for the HSE, as the

Government's chief occupational health adviser.

The views of 300 major business leaders were sought and 40% of respondents said their industry was not doing enough to raise awareness and tackle the causes of long-term work-related ill-health.

The findings were revealed as the HSE announced its new national campaign – 'Go Home Healthy'. The campaign aims to reduce cases of work-related ill-health by shining a light on the causes and encouraging employers to do the right thing to protect their workers' health.

Article sourced from: [hse.co.uk](#)

More information about the 'Go Home Healthy' campaign can be found here: www.hse.gov.uk/gohomehealthy



ROOFING CONTRACTOR GIVEN SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCE

A roofing contractor has been sentenced for safety breaches after workers were left at risk of falling from unprotected roof edges.

The failures of C Smith Roofing were discovered by health and safety staff who could see unsafe scaffolding from their office window.

Mr Smith was given an eight-month prison sentence suspended for two years and ordered to complete 200 hours of community service.

Leeds Crown Court heard that in November 2015 Mr Smith was contracted to carry out some roof repairs to a Guest House roof in Northallerton. Scaffolding was erected along the full length of the roof at the front of the property.

However, due to the presence of a conservatory structure at the rear, the company only erected a partial scaffold at the rear. It did not take the conservatory into account which left approximately two thirds of the rear roof edge unprotected.

In February 2016, nearby health and safety risk managers at North Yorkshire County Council could see the project from their office window and had concerns about the safety of the two workers on a roof where there were inadequate fall protection measures in place such as scaffolding.

Two operatives working under the control of Mr Smith were at risk of falling approximately seven metres from the unprotected edge of the roof at the rear of the property.

Chris Smith of Clarkson Court, Malpas Road Northallerton North Yorkshire pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 6 (3) of the Work at height Regulations 2005. As well as his suspended prison sentence and unpaid work requirement, he was also ordered to pay £5800 costs.

Article sourced from: hse.co.uk

COMPANY FINED AFTER FALL FROM HEIGHT LEAVES JOINER PARALYSED

A construction company has been sentenced for safety breaches after a sub-contracted joiner suffered life-changing injuries.

Lincoln Magistrates' Court heard that construction company Mager Homes Ltd. had been contracted to complete a house build in Tetney, Grimsby.

In December 2016, the worker was on the first floor level installing joists and flooring. Whilst laying a floorboard, he stepped back and missed his footing, falling through a gap between the joists to the ground below.

The 60-year-old father of one suffered broken vertebrae which left him paralysed from the chest down, wheelchair-bound and unlikely to ever work again.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found Mager Homes Ltd. failed to provide workers with an adequate working platform. It was also found the company failed to install any edge protection or fall prevention equipment to minimise the risk of falls on-site.

Mager Homes Ltd. of Laburnum Farm, Ludborough, Grimsby pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and was fined £26,000 with £795 costs.

Article sourced from: hse.co.uk

NEW ACCESS SCAFFOLD AND LOADING BAY BUILT FOR BSG TRAINING COURSE

A new access scaffold and loading bay has been built by one of BSG's members, Bryant Scaffolding Services. The scaffold will be used for our two day Scaffold Inspection and Appreciation (BSI) course at BSG's training centre in Bristol.

The next course is running on 16th & 17th November 2017 with only five spaces remaining. For more information please visit our training page – [Scaffold Inspection and Appreciation \(BSI\) course](#)



BSG ACHIEVES 83% PASS RATE FOR NEBOSH COURSE

BSG is delighted to announce that we achieved an 83% pass rate for our most recent NEBOSH National Construction Certificate course.

Yet again, we have significantly exceeded the national average, last reported as 73%, a testament to our dedicated training team.

The NEBOSH Construction Certificate is cited in the PAS 91: 2013 as evidence of health and safety competence, as required under the CDM (2015) Regulations.

Through this course, we have enabled principal designers and contractors to gain the necessary certified knowledge and skills to comply with the regulations. But also, supervisors, managers and others with health and safety responsibilities have benefited.

During the course, content includes;

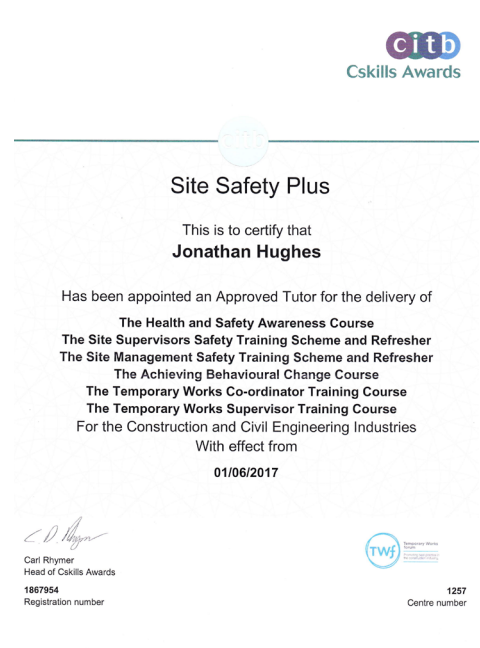
- Legal health and safety requirements in construction and their management.
- Identification and control of hazards in construction activities.
- Practical application of construction health and safety.

Our next course commences on the 21st of February, for further details please contact our training team. T: [030 0304 9080](tel:03003049080) or E: training@bsgltd.co.uk.





JONATHAN HUGHES GAINS HIS MICE



Jonathan has recently become a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers (MICE), giving Jonathan international recognition for his knowledge, ability and skills.

Jonathan has also been approved as one of only 19 CITB Temporary works tutors in the UK.

ALEX HILL HAS RECEIVED TUTOR APPROVAL

BSG's trainer Alex, has received his tutor approval for the following courses:

- Health and Safety Awareness
- Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)
- Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme Refresher Course
- Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)
- Site Management Safety Training Scheme Refresher Course
- Achieving Behavioural Change (ABC)



BSG NOW ACCEPT CARD PAYMENTS

At BSG, we are always striving to make business as easy as possible for our members; therefore, we are pleased to announce that we now offer card payment facilities with most of the major card providers.

We regret that we are unable to accept payments made by American Express.



We will of course continue to accept payments by bank transfer and cheques. However, depending on your banks T&C's, paying by card could also be cheaper than paying by BACS or cheque.

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10% DISCOUNT OFF CARDIFF BASED TRAINING COURSES UNTIL THE END OF 2017

CITB SITE MANAGEMENT SAFETY TRAINING SCHEME (SMSTS)

COURSE DATES: 3, 10, 17, 24 NOVEMBER & 1 DECEMBER 2017

The Building Safety Group are an accredited and leading training provider of the 5 day CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS).

WHO IS IT FOR?

This industry recognised course is ideal for companies which need to meet the ever increasing demand for evidence of sound health and safety on site. The course covers all relevant legislation and other aspects which affect safe working in the building, construction and civil engineering industries.

This course aims to assist site managers, agents and supervisors to manage health and safety on site in accordance with the current legal provisions and within the context of their management or supervisory role.

COURSE FEES

BSG Member – £480 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Non-Member – £550 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Course fees include CITB books, course materials, CITB certification and lunch.

Fee quoted for members' rates includes 15% discount.

CITB SITE MANAGEMENT SAFETY TRAINING SCHEME REFRESHER

COURT DATES: 23 & 24 OCTOBER 2017 AND 4 & 11 DECEMBER 2017

The Building Safety Group is an accredited and leading training provider of the 2 day CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme Refresher. The two day refresher course will enable current SMSTS certificate holders to renew their qualification.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The course can only be attended by those who have passed the five day course and can provide evidence. The five day qualification expires after 5 years, but it is highly recommended by the CITB that you refresh after 3 years because of ongoing legislation changes. The aim of the two-day refresher course is to help delegates to improve their awareness of recent developments in construction, legislation and health, safety, welfare and environmental issues.

COURSE FEES

BSG Member – £305 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Non-Member – £355 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Course fees include CITB books, course materials, CITB certification and lunch.

Fee quoted for members' rates includes 15% discount.

CITB HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARENESS

COURSE DATES: 1 NOVEMBER 2017

The CITB Health and Safety Awareness one day course provides a practical summary of health and safety, welfare and environmental issues identifying individual responsibilities, what the employers and employees duties are and what should be done if they think anyone's health and safety is being put at risk.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The course is for those who have just entered the industry and as a refresher for longer serving employees, and also for those who are about to do their touch screen test. The course helps delegates to understand their individual responsibilities and what is expected of them and to ensure they contribute to the safety of the workplace.

QUALIFICATION

Successful candidates will be awarded the Construction Skills Site Safety Plus certificate and after further experience can go on to complete the 2 day Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) course designed for site supervisors.

COURSE FEES

BSG Member – £110 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Non-Member – £130 + VAT per delegate (- 10% discount)

Course fees include CITB books course materials, CITB certification and lunch.

Fee quoted for members' rates includes 15% discount.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BSGLTD.CO.UK

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CITB CERTIFICATE EXPIRY

A reminder that for the CITB Site Safety Plus scheme, the refresher course must be attended before the certificate expires. Failure to do this will result in the delegate being required to complete the full course again.

For any queries in relation to this, please contact the training team.



COURSES

Need a course in a location closer to you? If you have a group of 6 or more employees requiring training, we offer all of our courses on a private basis. Held at a venue of your choice on a date that suits you, we can tailor the course to meet your needs and requirements. Contact us and find out more.



BSG PODCASTS

BSG provides a range of Health and Safety podcasts which address critical Health and Safety issues facing the construction industry. You can view them all below:

Directors Responsibilities: This podcast provides directors and other senior professionals with a comprehensive understanding of their liabilities and obligations when implementing a Health and Safety strategy. It also offers guidance and practical advice on what should be included in a company's Health and Safety policy.

Manual Handling: Chris Chapman summarises the criteria used when carrying out manual handling assessments, the statutory obligations placed on managers and the techniques used to reduce manual handling injuries

Occupational Health podcast: Our Occupational Health podcast examines the actions that must be taken to ensure successful management of Occupational Health in the workplace. Focus is directed towards how companies can reduce costs as well as improve the health and wellbeing of construction workers.

General Legislation podcast: The Podcast aims to breakdown and simplify the Health & Safety at Work Act by reviewing key legislation which is relevant for the construction industry.

Special Considerations for Timber Frame Construction podcast: Chris Chapman explains the extra measures which need to be taken because of the added fire risk.

TRAINING NEWS

New training courses starting soon...

- CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (5 days) - 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 October 2017 (Bristol) & 3, 10, 17, 24 November & 1 December 2017 (Cardiff)
- CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme Refresher (2 days) - 19 & 26 October 2017 (Bristol) & 23 & 24 October 2017 (Cardiff) & 4 & 11 December (Cardiff)
- CITB Health & Safety Awareness Training Course (1 day) - 1 November 2017 (Cardiff)
- Emergency First Aid at Work Training Course (1 day) - 25 July 2017 (Bristol)
- CITB Site Environmental Safety Training Scheme (1 day) - 17 October 2017



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BSG PHONE NUMBERS

BSG have updated their phone system, please see the new numbers below:

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Accounts: 0300 304 9060

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Membership/Technical Support: 0300 304 9070