

Newsletter

September 2025

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Introduction

Welcome to the September newsletter.

After the Summer break, the BHSEA Annual Conference H&S Back to Basics got the Autumn/Winter Programme off to a great start.

BHSEA member Louise Mansfield hosted a day of presentations all around the theme of H&S Back to Basics at the Hollyfields Conference Centre, Erdington.

With over 60 delegates and some inspirational talks from Jason Anker, Hugh Maxwell and Richard Heath, all were left with tips and ideas to take away, on how to address the fundamentals of health and safety in their businesses.

The days agenda and links to the slides are on the next page.

Sarah Kenny BHSEA Secretary



**Great session today
with some useful
information in a great
venue**

BHSEA Annual Conference

Here is a quick summary of the H&S Back to Basics Presentations, links to all the presentations (apart from Jason's are available on the BHSEA website. Thanks to everyone who could be there.

- Cost of Accidents – Hugh Maxwell
- Health & safety Principles – Clark Hunter
- Risk Assessment – Pat McLoughlin
- PUWER – Chris Newson – Make UK
- Jason Anker – Its not about the Fall
- Site Inspections and Record Keeping – Lisa Rollinson
- Toolbox Talks – John Sneath
- Leadership and Training – Richard Heath

Download the slides [here](#)



Members updates



New Members

- HCR Law
- Aegis Risk Solutions
- Rutland Plastics
- Legionella Consultancy Services Ltd
- Health and Safety 1st



Croner Sept Webinar

The Seventh Carbon Budget: What it means for your business

Wednesday, September 17th, 1:00pm

[Register Now](#)



British Safety Industry Federation

BHSEA are delighted to announce a new partnership with BSiF.

This partnership will bring a wealth of guidance and benefits to BHSEA members in an area. See the following pages for the latest benefits.



Mentoring Scheme

Last shout out for Mentors and Mentees

Email secretary@bhsea.org.uk for details.

New BHSEA Partnership BSiF



BSiF PPE HELPLINE

The BSiF PPE Helpline - a dedicated support service administered by the British Safety Industry Federation. This expert helpline was established in 2024 specifically to help remove barriers around sourcing reliable and compliant PPE.

The helpline is operated by PPE and safety specialists who provide impartial, timely guidance across a wide range of topics - no sales pitch, just practical advice. Whether you're a duty holder, category manager, or safety professional, you can rely on their expertise.

BHSEA members can email questions any time to ppehelpline@bsif.co.uk

When to Contact the PPE Helpline

- Fit-for-purpose PPE: Confirm whether selected items are suitable for specific hazards, use-cases, or working conditions.
- Regulatory support: Get clarity on UK and EU legislation, including PPE Regulation 2016/425, UKCA and CE marking requirements, and post Brexit certification nuances.
- Non compliance concerns: Check products and certification, report suspicious or potentially unsafe products; the BSiF has found up to 85 % of PPE from non-member suppliers failed compliance testing.
- Product advice & selection: Receive guidance on identifying suitable PPE & safety products, understanding documentation, and checking product markings and certifications.
- Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE): Support with assessing general RPE options, and advice on face-fit testing to ensure your team is protected.

Bad Vibrations: A new campaign from BSiF

Bad Vibrations, A new campaign tackling the widespread confusion surrounding Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) has just launched, produced by BSiF (British Safety Industry Federation) – the UK's Trade Association for the Safety Industry.

More than 2 million people are at risk of developing HAVS every year due to repetitive use of vibrating tools. No one should jeopardise their long-term health while doing their job. With the right precautions taken early, this painful and sometimes irreversible condition can be prevented.

BSiF invites you to read Bad Vibrations, learn more about HAVS, and empower yourself with knowledge. It's not a passing trend - HAVS is real, and so are its potentially serious health impacts. But the good news is, it's avoidable.

Bad Vibrations is available to download [here](#) or from the BSiF website www.bsif.co.uk

Bad Vibrations dives into:

- What HAVS is and where it occurs
- Which tools are most likely to cause it
- Methods to control exposure in the workplace
- How vibration is measured and quantified
- Relevant standards to be aware of
- Helpful links for those wishing to explore specific aspects in more depth

[Find out more](#)

Driving for Better Business

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The DfBB [monthly fleet focus for driver managers and employers](#) delves deeper into some of the key road safety topics to improve your understanding, with free resources for you to share with your drivers.

This month they are [talking about driver mental health and wellbeing](#).

It's fundamental that as an organisation, and as a manager or owner, you are aware of your drivers' mental health and wellbeing, as well as their physical health - **because mental health problems can affect driving performance.**

Stress, anxiety, depression and other mental health issues can affect a driver's driving style, judgement and reaction times.

So, how confident are you that your [drivers are in good mental health and fit to work and to drive?](#)

What's in this month's resource pack?

Download resources to share with your drivers including:

1. an article to share with your drivers on mental health and wellbeing
2. short safety messages to send to your drivers on their devices
3. posters for your staff noticeboards
4. information sheets from our Van Driver Toolkit and Car Driver Too

[Download the posters and information packs here.](#)

HSE Safety Alert



Excavators: Use of safety control lever or isolation devices

HSE has published a safety notice aimed at excavator operators, slingers and anyone working near them.

There is a risk that people can be struck by the excavator or a load if the operator does not use the safety control lever or isolation device correctly.

If there are people in the operational arc of an excavator or similar mobile plant, the safety control lever should be applied, or other methods used, to isolate the machine, while it is at rest (ticking over).

Research shows unintended movements of plant occur, but use of a safety control lever or isolation device can prevent this.

Dutyholders must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure the safety of people in the working arc of slewing plant and any load, with proper planning, management and monitoring of work activities.

You can find more detailed information in our safety notice:

[Excavators: Use of the safety control lever or isolation devices.](#)

New Membership Benefit Launch

APPLY NOW

BHSEA Mentoring Scheme

Mentors and Mentees wanted!!

This initiative developed by the Training Committee is intended to provide members with a Mentoring/Mentee matching service to enable the less experienced, new to the H&S profession benefit from the knowledge and wisdom of a peer .

If you are interested in being either a Mentor or Mentee then click on the apply button.



2025 Programme of Events



Monthly meetings take place on the second Monday of each month starting at 1:30.

2025 Dates for your Diary

- 13 Jan: Can't recruit &/or retain – change your H&S offering – Richard Heath - CMF
- 10 Feb: Environment – .
FREE Training Session – Coaching and Mentoring
- 10 March: Construction Matters – Work at Height – Arco Training Facility AGM
- 7 April: Hand Protection – Chris Beddoes
FREE Training Session - COSHH
- 12 May: West Midlands Fire HQ
- 9 Jun: FREE Training – Risk Assessment Part 2
- 9 Jun: Legal Update
- 18 Jun: WWT – Behavioral Safety
- 8 Sep: Annual Conference
- 13 Oct: Construction Matters – H&S and Technology
- 10 Nov: Health – Peritus
FREE Training Session – Health
- 8 Dec: 2025 BHSEA Awards

Our Annual Membership Questionnaire is now live!

All Members should have received a copy of our 2025 questionnaire where we ask for your thoughts on:

- What we're doing well
- What you'd like us to do more/less of
- Any areas where we can improve your overall membership experience

Your insights help us shape our events, resources, and services, ensuring you get the very best from your BHSEA membership. If you haven't yet had your questionnaire through click [here](#).

What's more, you could win one of three £30 Amazon Vouchers in the free prize draw*. Please complete the survey by 31/10/2025

**Membership
Questionnaire
Reminder**

* The prize draw will take place on Monday 10th November and the winner chosen thereafter. The winner will be chosen at random and there is no cash alternative and the prize is non-transferable.

NEXT EVENT

[Register Here](#)

Construction Matters

Technology in Health and Safety

13th October 2025 | 12.45 – 16.00

Venue Walsall FC – WS1 4SA

Leveraging the most from Microsoft 365 to improve Health and Safety performance – Peter Jenkins – Simply Foundry

Driver/Operator Visibility and the risks posed by machine blindspots – Jack Howard – Spillard

CITB Update – Jenny Samuels

