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	<b>Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter</b>	<b>April 2013 Issue 1</b>
<p><b>Dear Philip,</b></p> <p>Welcome to the first April edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful.</p> <p>Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the page.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Philip Chambers Strategic Safety Systems Ltd.</p>	<b>IN THIS ISSUE</b>	<p><a href="#">CHANGED LAWS</a></p> <p><a href="#">BEWARE THE CE MARK</a></p> <p><a href="#">GET ON TOP OF FORKLIFT RISKS</a></p> <p><a href="#">INCIDENTS AND COURT CASES</a></p>
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## Changed laws

The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Repeals, Revocations and Amendments) Regulations 2013 came into force on 6 April. This repeals 13 laws or regulations which are outdated or duplicate other regulations.

There has been some comments that this will make matters worse, but in my opinion, it will have no effect whatsoever, either way.

[See list of regulations that have been repealed](#)

[See comments on claim of adverse effect.](#)

## Business Continuity vs. Disaster Recovery

Many companies do not adequately plan for Business Continuity Management and at best, limit this to data back-up (which has often never been tested.) They refer to it as Disaster Recovery and think of it as coping with a fire at their premises .

But the loss of key suppliers ability to supply, or key people being no longer available are far more likely.

In order to be in a situation where you can cope with continuity problems, you need to

**1. Carry out a business impacts analysis which covers:**

- People, eg what happens if key people are ill?
- Premises, eg fire
- Technology, eg what happens if key equipment breaks down? What happens if the local phone system fails?
- Supplies, including key external services,
- Civil emergencies

**2. Put into place business continuity plan**

The business continuity plan is based on the most significant risks from the impact analysis and defines steps to recover the situation. With the greatest risks, it is normally best to test the plan.

[See 3 examples of business continuity problems.](#)

[See business continuity services from SSS.](#)

## *Beware the CE mark again (2 cases this time)*

SSS have recently assessed a brand new machine which had the CE mark (as is a legal requirement). This machine had two areas where finger crush injuries (which would probably end up in amputation) could occur. The machine also had a fault where part of the equipment could fall. An accident on a similar type of machine from the same supplier came close to causing a major crush injury; only luck prevented it. SSS are now working with this company to overcome these problems.

With a totally different case, one of our clients has taken delivery of a machine from within the EU which has the standard type of mushroom head/twist to release emergency stop buttons. They asked if it was allowable for the machine to restart immediately the button is released. The answer is a definite NO, but the UK agent is claiming that it has the CE mark so it must be OK. Sorry, it isn't and the client is within his rights to withhold payment until it is brought up to standard.

SSS provide CE support for machinery suppliers.

[See about what CE is all about.](#)

## *Get on top of the risk from forklift trucks*

With most of the industries with which SSS is involved, the only way of getting killed is by a forklift truck. The causes of injury or death are either being crushed by the truck itself, or being crushed by objects falling during handling. The two cases below give examples of what can happen. It is absolutely critical that you:

- Have well maintained forklift trucks
- Restrict driving to trained and authorised drivers
- Avoid conflicts between vehicle and pedestrian movements, so far as is reasonably practical
- Have systems of work that preclude people being near lifting/lowering operations.

How can SSS help?

SSS provide both systems of work for forklift truck operations and an inspection record card system.

[See systems of work service](#)

## *Incidents and court cases*

### **Woman crushed to death by forklift truck**

A woman at an Avonmouth cash and carry warehouse was killed by a reversing forklift truck. There was no speed limit and no segregation between pedestrians and vehicles in the loading bay where the fatal incident occurred, where there had been several previous "near-misses".

[See details of the accident](#)

### **Poorly maintained forklift truck causes death**

A 34 year-old forklift truck caused the death of the 61 year old manager and co-director of Chard Truck Services, three months after being crushed by the "prehistoric" forklift truck.

In returning a verdict of accidental death with a narrative the jury added that: "significant factors" were the defective vehicle and poor health and safety practices.

[See details of the accident](#)

I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#)

Regards,

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