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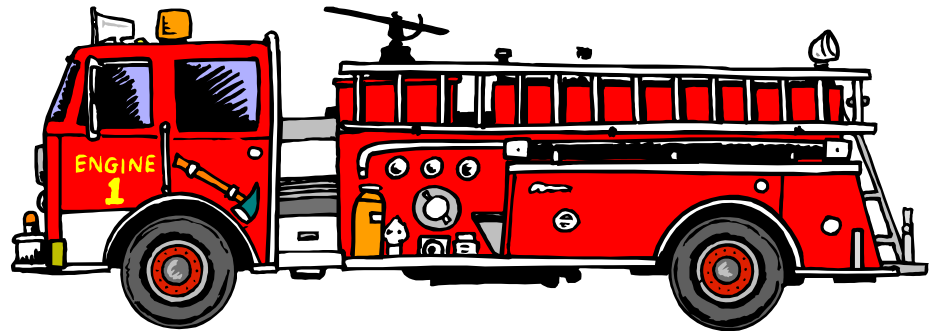
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FIRE COURSE – SPECIAL ALUMNI OFFER



I'm happy to announce another Alumni Special Offer in this edition of the Woodward Alumni Newsletter.

We have secured funding for course candidates working in a commercial environment to help implementation of fire risk assessments.

This funding is worth a sizeable discount on the standard commercial course price.

We have reserved 10 places on the 23rd June 2008 Fire Certificate, which we are offering first to our Woodward Alumni members.

The standard course price is £945 + VAT, which is reduced to £645 + VAT on this specific course because of this funding.

B&B accommodation can be booked at a three star hotel at our standard commercial rate of £50+VAT per night.

The discount only applies to the following course:

NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety & Risk Management [Ref: 08/06/07]
Roebeck Suite

Week 1:

Monday 23 June 2008
to Friday 27 June 2008

Exams:

Thursday 10 July 2008
and Friday 11 July 2008

Course information:

The NEBOSH Certificate in Fire Safety & Risk Management has been established to meet the needs of the Regulatory Reform [Fire Safety] Order 2005. It is designed to provide a sound breadth of underpinning knowledge that enables people to discharge more effectively their duties or functions with respect to health and safety in fire safety and fire risk related activities.



Ray's Legal Update

Ray has once again highlighted a few important legal cases of the past few months that he feels may be of value to our alumni.

Whilst every care has been taken in compiling the articles and comments in this newsletter, Woodward cannot be held

responsible for any errors or omissions the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice.

Cost Benefit Analysis

The TK Maxx Ltd case heard at Stoke on Trent, Crown Court, January 2008 interested me.

Long before the Working at Height Regs I attended a company on request to look and comment on their health and safety policies and procedures.

Whilst auditing the companies warehouse I noticed an individual standing on the top step of a stepladder, reaching forward trying to push a box which had left a conveyor belts free running rollers.

The step ladder was rocking backwards and forwards in a quite alarming way. I immediately went to the step ladder and grasped it, steadying it.

The operative on the top of the stepladder thanked me and told me he was fed up of falling off the ladder!

I asked him if he had ever hurt himself. He looked at me incredulously and stated it was difficult not to hurt yourself falling off a ladder.

I conceded to this point: I've always been good at stating the obvious.

Two questions to the employers. One was it possible to stop dislodged boxes on the conveyor. Answer, never thought about it!

Two if there is no way to stop this hazard occurring, then better access is required. Answer we have made stepladders available.

The TK Maxx case involved an employees attempting to unblock a blockage in a compactor whilst standing on a step ladder.

No management action even though a local authority inspection had highlighted the problem on an earlier visit.

Fine £50,000 for breach of section 2 (1), management regs section 3 collectively and costs amounting to £9,800.

I think a solution could have been found for £60,000?

For Further Information.....

Ray has suggested that for further information the following websites might be of use:

www.lawreports.co.uk
(which links to www.icronline.co.uk)

or www.lawteacher.net

– click on the “case law” link for access to a few case law database.

Improvement Notice

The Fire Service have been served an improvement notice following the deaths of four firefighters in Warwickshire.

Warwickshire fire and rescue service were served the notice which stated that they had not complied with Statutory Duties requiring information and communication of hazard and risk.

Information and communication relating to health and safety is a legal requirement.

But more than that it makes good sense to keep people informed.

I'm a little concerned with the changes to the fire legislation in that without the statutory inspection regime on certified premises (now gone) changes to premises that would have been identified by visiting fire officers might now go unreported.

The alterations notice article 29 RR(FS)O 2005 may be the tool to prompt reporting of changes involving increased fire risk

loading.

It's to be hoped it does.

HASAWA 74 Section 7 and 8

As a young person I was once in the welding shop at one of my first workplaces. It has to be said that this was many many years ago.

My kindly mentor asked me to hand him a ¾ spanner.

I reached into the tool box and got hold of a seriously hot superheated spanner, one which was prepared earlier by my caring mentor.

A good laugh was had by all and I must admit even myself.

The same week another operative was welded to a six ton steel plate in the stockyard by his feet. Courtesy of steel toe protectors.

Where do we draw the line boys and girls?

Where does a bit of fun become criminal activity?

I think most of us know!

But be vigilant and never turn a blind eye.

Lets keep the workplace fun but not kill or maim anyone in the process.

Stay safe!

(Case Law: Hudson V Ridge 1957)



BEST CANDIDATE AWARD – Miss Hayley Hebson



We are very pleased to announce that one of our candidates, Miss Haley Hebson, achieved the highest mark for the NEBOSH Specialist Diploma in Environmental Management for this years graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to Haley on this fantastic achievement !

Haley will be presented the Best Candidate Award by the Guest of Honour, Professor Dame Carol Black at the NEBOSH Graduation and Awards Ceremony.

Professor Dame Carol Black is the UK Government's first ever National Director for Health and Work.

This ceremony will take place on the 25th of June at the University of Warwick on Wednesday 25 June 2008.

Tom (Snr) and Ray will be attending the graduation ceremony to support Hayley.

IEAM Accredit New NEBOSH Environmental Diploma

We are pleased to inform you that holders of the revamped NEBOSH Environmental Diploma [students who completed their diploma from March 2008 onwards] are now eligible for associate membership in the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (AIIRSM).

From its launch in 1992 approximatley 1500 people have achieved the Envrionmental Diploma.

The first examination under the new syllabus

will be held in December 2008.

The Guide includes significant amendments to the syllabus content, reflecting changes in both legislative requirements and best practice within environmental management.

A new element: 'Energy use and efficiency' has been added.

The qualification has been divided into two units, each of which is assessed separately:

Unit ED1 (Management of environmental risk) consists of fifteen syllabus elements assessed by one written examination

marked by external examiners appointed by NEBOSH;

Unit ED2 (Application of environmental risk theory and practice) is assessed by a workplace-based project, designed to test knowledge and understanding acquired from the ED1 syllabus.

The project is marked by course providers and moderated by NEBOSH.



From Training to Job – Past Student Case Study

Postcard from East Greenland

I was cold and numb after 5 hours on the back of the skidoo racing across the sea ice at speeds of up to 90 kph. Ahead, were my clients, excited at the prospect of ski-ing and climbing in an unexplored region of the East Greenland coast. I somehow trusted their Inuit drivers; mine I was not so sure about, he was not local and kept veering towards holes and cracks in the ice. I don't like being out of control.



Our past student – Phil Poole

As we passed an iceberg the size of a block of flats, the two skidoos ahead bogged in to the softening surface. A nagging memory sprang into sharp focus as we sunk over our knees in the watery morass. Twenty years before, whilst Guiding in Antarctica, two colleagues with their loads and skidoos disappeared through the sea ice leaving me sitting gingerly in between the holes.

This was a long way from the NEBOSH course in Carlisle, listening to Ray's stories or stepping over pots of ink at the print works, but the Woodward course has given me great confidence dealing with the perhaps the more mundane, but no less complex H & S issues in the work place.

I'm Safety Advisor for Impact International, global leaders in sustainable business transformation and people development. Impact has just come 17th in the Times 100 Best Places to Work survey. Part of their philosophy allow me time to have my own adventures. These experiences give me a healthy dose of "on the edge" experiences, helping me to sharpen my skills and foster a common sense approach to safety matters within the organisation.

My work at Impact last year took me to Poland, USA, Japan & Thailand, where I have been ensuring that our Community Action Project safety systems are consistent across the organisation. A series of Site Manager training events, which I organised for the Europe offices, took place last autumn.

Phil Poole
Past Student

Associate Trainer Update



An Associate Trainer is a member of our Alumni who has registered with us to run courses under the Woodward banner.

Essentially an associate joins Woodward as a contractor, taking advantage of Woodward brand and accreditations to enable them to run courses that Woodward are unable or unwilling to run due to the level or the geographic location.

This includes both our CIEH and IOSH course portfolios.

There are many benefits to becoming an associate, but equally there are a few trainer requirements which must be met to ensure that any training delivered under the Woodward banner is to the highest standard.

Woodward is continuing to invest to improve our associate trainer scheme.

The most recent improvement is getting accredited to run the 1 day IOSH Managing Safely Recertification course, so now our associates can

potentially provide this course.

More information on this course can be found below.

Wendy Berry is our Associate Trainer Co-ordinator. Please contact her in the usual way if you are interested in becoming an associate or finding out more about this new course offering.

New Course – IOSH Recertification Course



Woodward has just been accredited to run the 1 day IOSH Managing Safely Recertification course.

This is a one day course which give you another three years worth of Managing Safely Certification if done before your existing certificate expires !

This course is designed for anyone who has already successfully completed the IOSH Managing Safely and needs to keep their knowledge and skills updated. Successful conclusion of the course will lead to IOSH

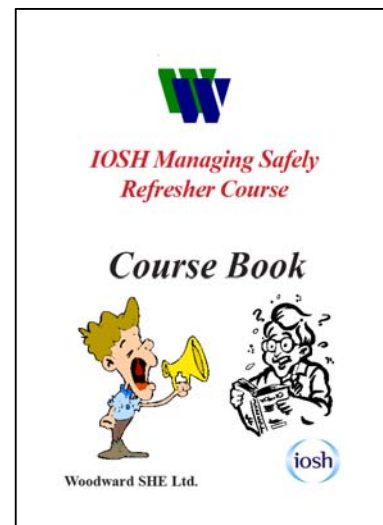
re-certification.

It is suitable for anyone who has successfully completed the IOSH Managing Safely course (IOSH recommend that knowledge is topped up every three years)

The course is designed to last for one day, including the examination.

Exam Format

There is a multi-choice examination at the end. No project work is required for the re-certification course.



2008 Alumni Conference & Exhibition Update

We are continuing to take bookings for our Alumni Conference and Exhibition, which will be held on Thursday 16th October 2008 and Friday 17th October 2008.

We are pleased to be able to announce that half of the 18 available Exhibition Stands have already been booked, and we only have 2 of the 12 breakout session speaker slots left to fill.

IOSH, NEBOSH and the HSE have booked exhibition stands and are

providing speakers for the breakout sessions. This should be an ideal opportunity to get updated and to ask those burning questions.

As a reminder the breakout sessions will be in three streams:

1. Health and Welfare Management
2. Safety Management
3. Environmental Management

Please contact us if you or your company would be interested in booking and exhibition stand, or presenting a speaker slot at the conference.



NEBOSH National Diploma [August 2004 Specification]

NEBOSH introduced a new specification for the National Diploma in September 2006.

In line with the requirements for qualifications accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), NEBOSH is withdrawing the

previous National Diploma (2004 specification).

The Certification End Date for the 2004 specification is 28 February 2011.

This means that those who are still studying for the August 2004 specification Diploma

must have completed examination papers for each unit at or before the July 2010 examination sitting to achieve the Diploma.

Exact dates for examinations and assignment submissions are due to be issued by NEBOSH in 2009.



Woodward – 2009 Open Course Dates released !

Due to demand from students trying to book on courses next year, we had to release our 2009 course dates in May.

This is a first for Woodward, as in

previous years we have not needed to release the next years course dates until the autumn.

If you are interested to know what we are offering then our 2009 open course planner

can be seen on our website at:

www.woodward-group.co.uk

by clicking on the "Course Planner" tab at the top of the page.



Jobs Page



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One of the benefits we are hoping to bring to our alumni is the opportunity to find an appropriate job more easily. Initially this will be done by having a jobs section in Safety Net.

To do this successfully we need our alumni to keep us informed of job opportunities which will be appropriate for those who have done their NEBOSH qualifications with us.

We only have one job in this edition of the newsletter, but we hope to have many more in the future with your help. If you have any job openings in your organization you would like to share with our past and present students, please contact us.

We have a vacancy for a
**Health, Safety and Environmental
Coordinator**

[Salary to be negotiated]
at our Aspatia Creamery, Cumbria



Cheese Company

The postholder will provide a comprehensive health, safety, welfare, hygiene and environmental monitoring and improvements service and manage the appropriate Management Systems.

The postholder will need a NEBOSH Certificate and Advanced Hygiene Certificate as well as excellent communication skills and a working level of computer literacy.

Telephone 016973 20218 for an Application Pack.

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Do you want to be an Alumni Case study?

We want this newsletter to be about you, our Alumni. We'd like to feature a different past student each month and talk about what

you've done since leaving us.

If you'd like to be featured in our newsletter please send

a short article about yourself and your career to the newsletter at safetynet@woodwardgroup.co.uk.

Alzheimer's Society

Woodward has been trying to do its bit to help out by getting involved with the Carlisle Branch of the Alzheimer's Society.

We helped out by using our computer and printing facilities [and our limited technical know-how] to help them to produce the first edition of their branch

newsletter.

Hopefully it will be a useful resource for both people with dementia and their carers in Carlisle and the surrounding district.

Supported Learning NEBOSH General Certificate Launched !

Woodward has now launched a Supported Learning model for the NEBOSH National General certificate, to complement our existing 12 day and 15 day models.

The first two courses

start in September 2008.

One is based at The Stonecross Manor Hotel in Kendal and the second at the Trout Hotel in Cockermouth.

The taught aspect of the course will happen

on Saturdays at these two locations.

This course has been launched to meet demand from students who can't get the time off work to study on one of our residential course models.

About Our Company...

Woodward delivers health and safety training and also environmental management training. The majority of the training courses offered

are IOSH, NEBOSH or CIEH accredited. However bespoke training, consultancy and auditing work are also undertaken.

Woodward wants to continue to develop professional safety, health and environmental, fire and construction managers.

Do you have any feedback for us?

We want to make sure that our Alumni Newsletter is something worth reading.

If you have any feedback or comments on how we can improve

the newsletter we'd love to hear them. Equally if you have an article you'd like to see in our newsletter or a letter for us to publish we'd be happy to consider them.

Please contact us on the usual address:
info@woodwardgroup.co.uk