

Health & Safety Schools Newsletter

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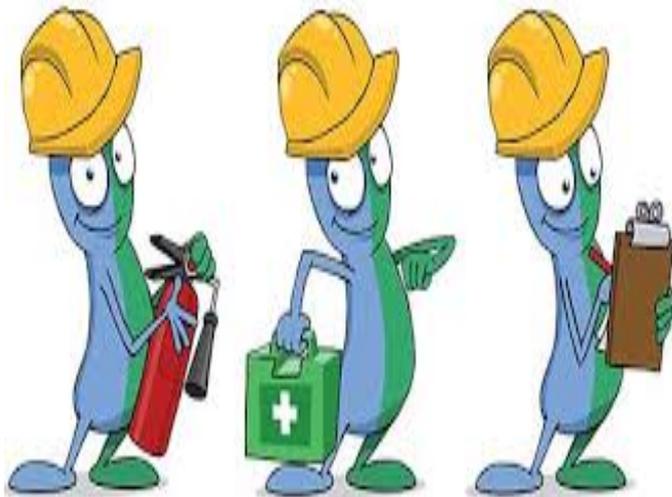
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HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING



We will soon be running two half day training courses;
"Building issues for Appointed Persons"
The course is ideal for anyone who has day to day Health & Safety responsibilities at your school.

The areas covered will be:
Fire Safety, Asbestos & Legionella.

The sessions are 26/11 9.30-12.30
& 20/1/16 13.30-16-30

Another course for next year is
Health & Safety level 2 certified course
15/3/16 & 5/7/16 (full day)

To book places please contact

[CorpServ.Training](#)

SCHOOL LOCKERS



If you are planning to purchase new lockers please look at the specification to ensure that they are going to be fit for purpose and are guaranteed for a reasonable amount of time.

You will need to secure freestanding lockers to a solid wall and a reputable manufacturer/supplier should be providing you with the necessary fixing equipment that will suit the type of walls that you have in your school.

As part of the selection process you will want to ensure that especially with metal lockers there are no exposed sharp edges and that with all locker types that there are no finger trap opportunities between the open door and the locker body

LADDER EXCHANGE



Run by the Ladder Association in partnership with manufacturers and suppliers across the country, the Ladder Exchange has already been responsible for removing thousands of potentially dangerous ladders and stepladders from service.

This year promises to be no exception as it continues to save lives and reduce injuries by replacing broken and bent ladders with safe, brand new ones at a special price.

Take the opportunity **NOW** to check and inspect your ladder inventory for possible problems – and then save money by visiting your nearest Ladder Exchange Partner between 1 September and 31 December, 2015.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to stay safe and make genuine savings. And, of course, you can enjoy the confidence and reassurance of knowing that your 'dodgy' ladder is being replaced by a new one that meets all the relevant British and European standards: BS1129 part 1 or 2, BS2037 part 1 or 2 or EN131 accredited

How does the Ladder Exchange work?

1. Check your ladder using our [checklist](#). If your ladder fails the checklist, you should replace it.
2. Find a [Ladder Exchange Partner](#) near you.
3. Bring your old ladder to your chosen Ladder Exchange Partner and buy a new ladder at a discounted price. The Partner will keep the old ladder for safe disposal.

CLEARING SNOW



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

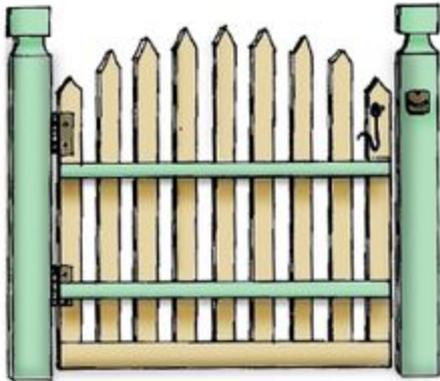
Don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves. Don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.

If Parents volunteer to carry out snow clearance then the school has a duty of care towards them. Legally this means taking all reasonable steps to reduce the likelihood of them being injured. You will need to carry out a risk assessment on the snow clearing activities, taking into account anyone who may be affected by the work. Make sure all involved are given a copy of the assessment.

Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas. Use salt or sand - not water. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.

When you're shoveling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides

PARK GATES



There have been a couple of serious finger trip incidents recently when young children have been visiting local play parks. In both cases the children have had their fingers caught when other children opened the gates causing the hinges to close creating a guillotine effect.

Extra care should be taken when your children are on a local school visit to a local play parks with enclosed fencing and entrance gates especially those that are fitted with spring self closures

SCHOOLS HEALTH & SAFETY



Information and documentation relating to a variety of Health & Safety topics can be found on The Schools Management page:

- Health & Safety Advisers Contact details
- Corporate Health & Safety Manual
- Schools Health & Safety Manual
- School Health & Safety Newsletters

The Paper copies of the Manuals are out of date and no longer need to be retained.

All information is available electronically using the following link:

[SCHOOLS HEALTH & SAFETY](#)