

Unite Recent H&S Activity Sep 2015

Recent Unite publications

Unite has published recent leaflets on:

- Say No to Unsafe Jobs
- Time for a Toilet Break

We have just reprinted information on Working Alone.

Welding

This information was emailed to about 1300 Unite welders at the start of August. We have many more welders in membership, but these were the ones who identified themselves as welders on our membership system and provided an email address.

The leaflet and posters are on the Unite website.

A message about the leaflet was also put on twitter.

“Unite is concerned about the long term health risks of being exposed to welding fume. Your employer has a legal responsibility to make sure that any welding, or similar, work can be done safely. This can be achieved through the use of local exhaust ventilation, or, if that is not effective, the use of respiratory protective equipment. It is very important you are told and understand the risks, as without you taking the right action, even proper control measures might not work effectively. The long term effects mean that you will probably not realise your health is being affected until it is already been damaged.

Unite information on welding can be found at:

- Unite leaflet --
<http://www.unitetheunion.org/uploaded/documents/0149-UniteWeldingFumesCanKillleaflet11-23527.pdf>
- Unite posters -
<http://www.unitetheunion.org/uploaded/documents/0149-UniteWeldingPosters11-23528.pdf>

For further information go to:

- HSE Welding website - <http://www.hse.gov.uk/welding/>
- HSE Welding e-bulletin -
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/welding/subscribe.htm>
- HSE welding Essentials -
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/coshh/industry/welding.htm>

- HSE welding advice to Inspectors -
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/internalops/og/og-00067-appendix-4.pdf>
- Bad Air Day website -
<http://www.badairday.info/home.asp>

If you are part of a team of welders, or if there are other people at your workplace, or who you know, who carry out welding work, please pass this information to them.”

Unite is involved in the Welding Partnership Group and we are supporting the “Bad Air Day” website.

In the coming weeks Unite will be holding Regional &S Conferences in the South West and the West Midlands, and towards the end of November, health and safety will feature in our Industrial Sector Conferences being held in Brighton.