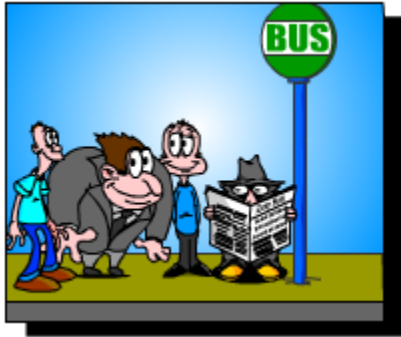


Start Safe – Stay Safe

Are you ready for European Safety Week 23- 27th October 2006?

This year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work is dedicated to young people to ensure a safe and healthy start to their working lives. The Safe Start campaign has two distinct elements:



(1) In the workplace: promoting risk awareness, and raising awareness of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) risks and what to do when starting work, providing safe and suitable work, training and supervision, and being aware of what to do when a young person starts work

(2) In the education community: Schools and colleges, vocational training centres, youth organisations and education authorities promoting risk awareness and OSH as an integral part of

education - preparing young people for their first day at work, and for their OSH responsibilities in their future careers.

There is a need for "awareness raising" and education from an early stage - risk education and the prevention culture are the key factors for maintaining and improving the quality of work. This includes mainstreaming OSH into activities on youth employment and workplace training and development; and into education in schools, colleges and vocational training. Pre-work health and safety education and training are part of preparing young people for work, and part of the life-long learning agenda.

Focus for European Week 2006:

(1) Young people:

- Young people to be informed and empowered citizens
- All young workers to have a basic awareness and understanding of health and safety issues at work, its importance and their rights/responsibilities and where they can get help and information
- All young workers to receive the necessary OSH training - on the job, on vocational courses etc



(2) Employers and supervisors:

- Employers to create quality jobs for young workers, and to be aware of the recruitment and retention advantages of doing this
- Employers and supervisors to be aware of the risks to young people, how they arise and what they need to do



- Employers to cover young workers in risk assessments, and to take appropriate additional measures to protect them - appropriate allocation of tasks taking account of their (limited) experience and skills, information, training, supervision etc
- Employers to ensure that all young and new workers are provided with induction training and supervision - this provides an opportunity to promote innovative methods, such as twinning a young worker with an older mentor

Safe Start is a great opportunity for you to participate in a campaign to prevent accidents and ill health, to protect young people, and to ensure that they have a Safe Start to their working lives.

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