



## Welcome to the HSE Statistics eBulletin - October 2015



### What's new - latest publication and releases

#### Health and safety statistics 2014/15

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- **1.2 million** working people suffering from a work-related illness.
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- **142** workers killed at work.
- **76,000** other injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR.
- **611,000** injuries at work from the Labour Force Survey.
- **27.3 million** working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury.
- **£14.3 billion** estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2013/14).

The release provides detailed commentary on these figures and is supported by:

- [the Statistics webpages](#)
- [a comprehensive set of tables](#)
- [our annual key facts publication](#)
- ['At a glance' guide](#)

### Ad hoc analysis

Also published 27 October:

- [Standardisation by occupation of self-reported workplace injury rates by country and region of residence, 2010/11 to 2014/15](#)
- [Standardisation by industry of fatal injury rates by country and region, 2010/11 to 2014/15p](#)

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### News

#### HandS-On Statistics Data Tool

As reported in the July e-Bulletin, following evaluation and consultation with software providers, the decision has been taken to cease operation of HandS-On with the release of this year's Health and Safety Statistics.

Detailed static tables of RIDDOR and LFS data, and a range of other sources, remain available on the HSE Statistics pages and have been updated as part of the latest release.

To improve the service we provide, we are planning to undertake a user engagement exercise early next year. Please look out for further details in future e-Bulletins.

### Statistical research - expressions of interest

As also mentioned in the July e-Bulletin, HSE is looking to explore the potential for a shared research programme in the area of health and safety statistics. This would enable interested parties to contribute financially, and in return to have a say in the issues to be addressed, so as to deliver outputs of mutual benefit.

A number of users have registered a potential interest in being consulted about this. If you would like to do so, please email [HSESurveys@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:HSESurveys@hse.gsi.gov.uk) with your contact information, putting **Statistical Research** into the email subject line.

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### Forward look - upcoming publications and releases

- November 2015 - Exposure to lead in British workers: publication of revised figures for 2012/13 to replace the original figures withdrawn due to undercounting.
- February 2016 - Violence at Work: Findings from the 2014/15 Crime Survey for England and Wales
- March 2016 – Exposure to Lead in British Workers, 2014/15

More information on health and safety statistics is available on [HSE's website](#). This bulletin provides a sample of the wide range of information that can be found under 'What's New' on HSE's website. Please feel free to use this information and pass it on, using your own networks.



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## Health & Safety

**To: all H&S Reps, Organisers, Branch Chairs and Secretaries**

Stephen Bater has joined prospect as a temporary Research Officer – Health and Safety. Stephen has been a member of Prospect for many years and is looking forward to working with the team and membership. Stephen's contact details are given at the bottom of this briefing note.

### **1. HSE E-BULLETIN: HEALTH AND SAFETY STATISTICS 2014/15**

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The statistics show an increase in fatalities and mesothelioma deaths which were reported in July this year. The other statistics generally show a very slight fall. However it is unclear if this is potentially due to a fall in reporting and/or increasing pressure on workers not to take time off sick, rather than genuine improvements in workplace health and safety. These numbers are still a great cause for concern to our members and society as a whole. You can find the stats at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/overall/hssh1415.pdf>

**2. Consultation on the implementation of Directive 2013/35/EU:** on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents - electromagnetic fields (EMF). The HSE proposes to transpose into law through the Control of Electromagnetic Fields at Work Regulations 2016 only the requirements of the Directive which go beyond, or are more specific than, those covered by existing UK legislation. These Regulations will be supported by guidance that outlines the measures that should be taken to assess exposure to EMFs and manage any of the risks identified. The consultative document also seeks views on the draft guidance, regulations and impact assessment. Please find attached the consultative document.

The consultation began on **20 October** and ends on **3 December 2015**. For those H&S Representatives who would like to participate in this consultation. Please send your comments to [Stephen.bater@prospect.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.bater@prospect.org.uk) no later than 27<sup>th</sup> November to be considered for inclusion in the Prospect response to the HSE.

**3. Stress EHS Week 2610 Week.** Every two minutes, a worker somewhere in the UK is made ill through stress. Please see TUC article attached and available via the following link. <https://www.tuc.org.uk/node/123926>

If you are involved in work or projects worth reporting, **please tell us**. Call Stephen Bater on 02920330105 or email [stephen.bater@prospect.org.uk](mailto:stephen.bater@prospect.org.uk)

Regards

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