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HSE Launches 'Go Home Healthy' Drive

A staggering 40 per cent of UK business leaders felt that their industries needed to do more to raise awareness and tackle the causes of long-term work-related ill health, according to recent HSE research. The HSE shared this research on 18 September as it launched [Go Home Healthy](#), an occupational awareness campaign aimed at employers, managers, employees and even industry sector bodies.

The campaign aims to easily direct its wide audience to more specific guidance and information on the HSE's three priority areas:

- Occupational lung disease, which accounts for 13,000 deaths each year
- Musculoskeletal disorders, which account for 41 per cent of all work-related illnesses and 34 per cent of all working days lost due to work-related ill health
- Work-related stress, which accounts for 37 per cent of all work-related ill health and 45 per cent of all working days lost due to ill health

To provide its audience with this beneficial information, the campaign relies upon a [website](#) that links to HSE guidance, case studies, videos and thought leadership for each of the three priority areas. Go Home Healthy applies to all UK businesses, as your business is threatened by at least one of these priority areas, regardless of size or industry. For that reason, it is important that you rely on the free, beneficial resources from the HSE and participate in the campaign.

Quarter of Firms Don't Undertake Regular Vehicle Safety Checks

The number of drivers that were seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident rose from 22,144 in 2015 to 24,101 in 2016, an increase of 9 per cent, according to the Department for Transport. What's more, the number of motorist deaths rose by 4 per cent during the same time period. To keep your employees safe on the road, it is essential that your business—whether you have an entire fleet or just a single work vehicle—conducts regular maintenance and safety checks. Despite the steadily rising number of injuries, 25 per cent of businesses fail to conduct regular inspections, according to research from TomTom Telematics.

However, conducting regular maintenance and safety checks is not the only way to ensure that your employees are safe while behind the wheel. Regularly verifying that your drivers' licences and insurance documentation is up to date can also help ensure their safety and the safety of other motorists. Unfortunately, only 43 per cent of UK firms inspect documentation more than once every six months.

For more information on how your business can safeguard its drivers and vehicles from potential risks, contact the professionals at Robison & Co Ltd today.

HSE News and Prosecutions

HSE Warns of Unannounced Construction Inspections

In 2015-16, 30 construction workers were killed on the job and an estimated 430 died from construction-related ill health. As a result, the HSE launched a surprise construction inspection campaign last October, which carried out over 2,000 inspections. The second phase of the campaign started on 2 October. The intention behind these inspections is to ensure that every construction contractor, client and designer is properly managing well-known risks, such as falls from height and harmful dusts. If a serious breach in health and safety is identified by an inspector, there will be immediate enforcement action, including fines and penalties.

Manchester Company Fined Over Employers' Liability Insurance

After receiving an anonymous complaint, the HSE conducted an inspection of T&W Linen Co Ltd, a Manchester linen manufacturer, and found that it had not purchased employers' liability (compulsory) insurance. As a result, the business was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay costs of £429.89.

Use Public Health England's New, Free Workplace Health Assessment Tool

Public Health England has published a document to help organisations more easily carry out workplace health needs assessments. The tool is adjustable to fit organisations of all types and sizes. If your organisation would like to use the tool, click [here](#).

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