

Health & Safety Schools Newsletter



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To: All schools

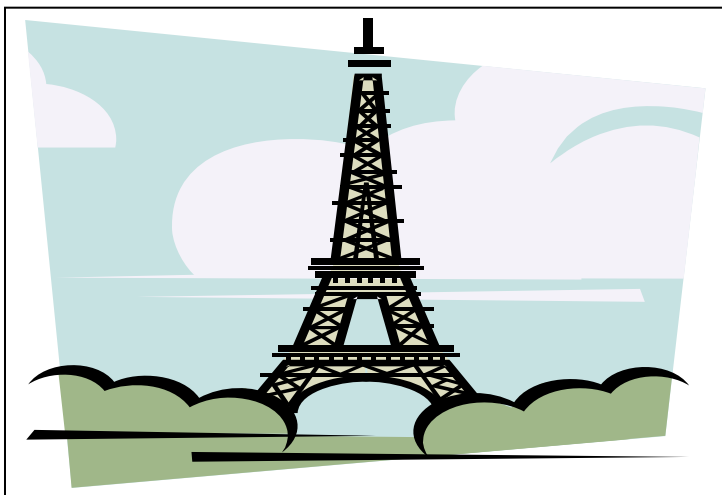
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Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the Health & Safety Schools Newsletter. If there is anything you want to see or share with other schools then please let me know. The lead Safety Adviser for schools and your first point of contact is Andy Anderson on 07876 578143. However, if Andy is not available and you require urgent or immediate assistance contact Doug Brady on 07876 578149 or Phil West on 07876 578148 or use the above address.

Foreign Trips

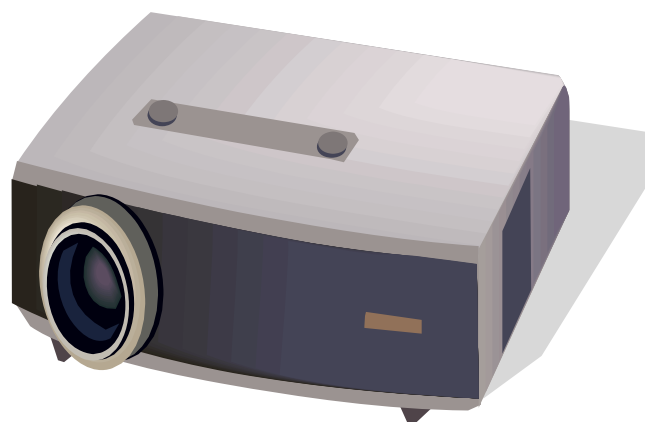


During one of our schools recent trip to a foreign Country a pupil was taken to a local hospital after a fall. The pupil required a minor procedure but was refused the treatment due to the Parental and Medical Consent form was not translated in to the Visited country's language. All schools are advised to travel with translated OHA 2 forms and to ensure that all members of the travelling party are in possession of up to date E 111 forms / cards.

If you require further advice use the link below:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/learning/learn-schools/learn-school-management/learn-planning-and-property.htm>

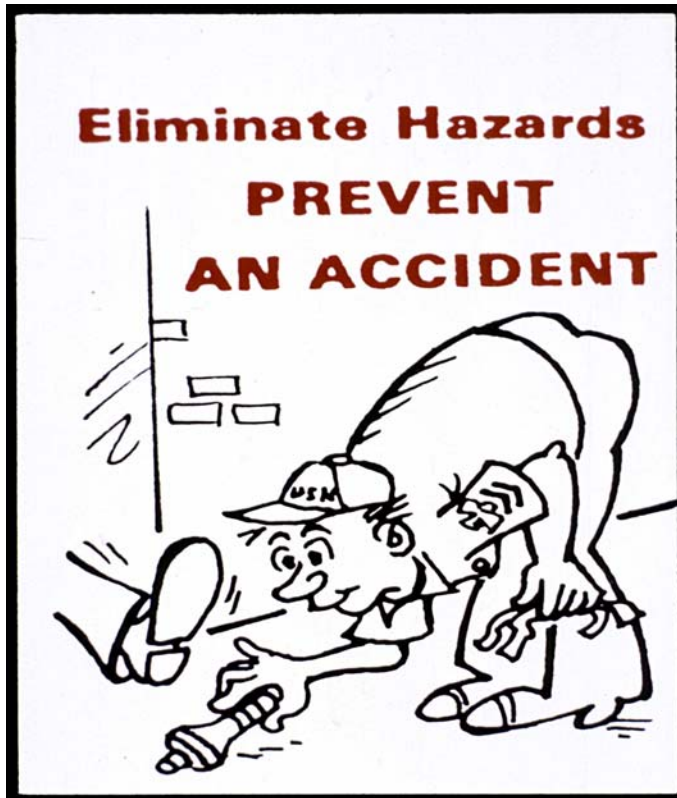
Data Projectors



Security of Data projectors has been highlighted during recent "Loss Control Surveys".

Data projectors are highly attractive to thieves and in some instances; projectors have been removed from alarmed classrooms. It is recommended that all data projectors located in ground floor rooms and rooms on upper floors that are accessible from flat roofs be secured by proprietary entrapment devices. It is important that entrapment devices are adequately secured to the fabric of the building to prevent the entire enclosure being wrenched off the ceiling. As an alternative to entrapment devices, data projectors should be locked in a secure storeroom when the school is closed.

Watch your step in education



Why education?

55% of all accidents in education are caused by a slip or a trip. Last year, almost 2000 major injury slip and trip accidents in the education sector were reported to The Health & Safety Executive. 571 of which were to employees, a 5% rise on the previous year. 90% of major accidents resulted in a broken bone causing considerable personal distress and a significant amount of time away from work.

When taking action to prevent accidents, there is a tendency to focus on protecting and educating students, but staff and others in educational establishments are equally as important and have a major role to play in preventing slips and trips.

Further information can be found at :
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/slips/education/index.ht>

Combustible Storage



Several audits and loss surveys have highlighted the fact that some schools are using electrical switchrooms and boiler rooms to store combustible materials. This should be **prohibited** as it will represent a potential fire hazard.

The control of bulk waste of a combustible nature is of prime importance as it provides the potential arsonist with a ready supply of fuel.

The externally located waste bins should be located within a secure compound that is at least 8 metres away from main buildings; otherwise they should be restrained to an immobile object by chains/padlocks at the same distance from the main buildings.