



## **News release: British Safety Council**

**26 January 2015**

### **British Safety Council's Manchester morning event – keep up with the latest health, safety and environmental matters**

The British Safety Council will be holding a [morning seminar](#) in Manchester on Thursday 26 February 2015 at the Etihad Stadium with key speakers addressing a range of current health, safety and environmental topics affecting business and industry. The event will run from 08.30 – 12.30 with a networking lunch afterwards.

The event will focus on specific areas within the health and safety at work agenda – areas that remain of concern such as slips, trips and falls and maintaining a culture of safety – as well as the more recent debate on how managing occupational health risks is as important as preventing workplace injuries. Furthermore, there will be updates on the Health and Safety Executive's Fee for Intervention scheme, which recovers enforcement costs from employers found in breach of health and safety law, and the Sentencing Council's proposed new guidelines, which could see large organisations fined as much as £10m for the most serious health and safety offences.

Dr Tim Marsh, Director at RyderMarshSharman Ltd, will be talking about "The Person in Safety Culture". He said: "Everyone in an organisation contributes to its culture whether they want to or not. So often managers are caught up with targets and in the process can focus attention on obstacles and constraints and forget about the opportunities that talking about safety and health with their workers offer them. The question is how to change the conversation to empower, recognising those who are leaders, even if they don't want to think about themselves as such, and how they can facilitate positive change."

For those delegates with environmental management responsibilities, Dr Keith Whitehead, senior environmental consultant at the British Safety Council, will be speaking about the latest updates regarding environmental management issues, including changes to the ISO 14001 international environmental management standard, due to be published in mid to late 2015, and the requirements for large UK businesses to comply with the Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) Regulations.

Keith says: "The proposed changes to ISO 14001 include a requirement for ISO 14001 organisations to place a greater focus on leadership and ensuring a more 'life cycle, sustainable thinking' approach across the organisation – such as only choosing suppliers of raw materials, goods and services who maintain high standards of environmental management.

"ISO 14001 has been adopted by over 250,000 organisations worldwide, so the proposed changes will have consequences both for those seeking to comply with it and hoping to engage with ISO 14001-certified companies through their supply chain."

Joscelyne Shaw, Acting Policy and Communications Director at the British Safety Council, said: "We would like to invite SHE managers, business owners, HR directors and others with similar responsibilities to join us in Manchester to get a succinct update and insight on key areas within the occupational health, safety and environmental landscape. Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to network with other professionals from a range of sectors and business activities, which can provide useful insight and learning. We look forward to seeing you there."

The morning's event will consist of presentations and a panel discussion, and the price per person is £95.00 + VAT for British Safety Council members, £125.00 + VAT for non members.

You can discuss and follow the event online using #HSPTI.

The full event programme and booking form can be found at:  
[www.britsafe.org/events/2015manchester](http://www.britsafe.org/events/2015manchester)

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## **Notes to editors**

### **Photographic requests**

Images are available to illustrate this press release – see media contact below.

### **About the British Safety Council**

For more than half a century we've been a trusted guide to excellent health, safety and environmental management. We have educated millions of workers and made hundreds of thousands of workplaces safer for everyone. We do this by sharing information, supporting, advising, educating and campaigning. We are a not-for-profit.

We have set out the five steps and the supporting actions we believe are essential to ensure healthy and safe work activities in our manifesto, *Working Well* – see: [www.britsafe.org/manifesto](http://www.britsafe.org/manifesto)

We would be grateful if you could use British Safety Council in full rather than abbreviating to BSC when quoting our organisation.

### **Business benefits of health and safety campaign**

Good health and safety is good business. The British Safety Council have published a report on the business benefits of health and safety that brings together major evidence published in the UK and Europe showing the positive economic impact of reducing risks to the health and safety of workers. More information can be obtained here: [www.britsafe.org/policy-and-opinion/research#bus\\_ben](http://www.britsafe.org/policy-and-opinion/research#bus_ben)

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