

5th June 2009

Health and safety guidance to be free online

Authoritative guidance about how to protect employees from workplace dangers is to be given away free by the English Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

From September 2009 around 250 priced publications that contain health and safety advice and guidance will be made freely available from HSE's website in PDF format to view and print.

The publications cover the full range of HSE's guidance as well as detailed information on associated codes of practice (ACOPs) and safety regulations.

HSE said it was making the information available to help employers better understand their legal duties and what health and safety precautions they need to take, and to help safety representatives in maintaining and improving health and safety in the workplace.

Those that wish to will still have the option to buy professionally produced printed versions from HSE Books.

Although the publications will be made freely available online, Crown copyright will still apply and organisations wishing to reproduce the information will still need an appropriate license from the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI).

For more information go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/2009/free-guidance.htm>