

## HEALTH CHECK

- ▲ Are your employees provided with free health & safety training and adequate protective equipment where it is needed?
- ▲ Do you have a Health & Safety Policy?
- ▲ Do you have floor surfaces which are, or can become, slippery when cleaned or wet?
- ▲ Do you use chemicals at work, including general cleaning materials?
- ▲ Have you undertaken a fire risk assessment of the facilities the organisation is responsible for?
- ▲ Do you have a means of reporting and recording accidents and incidents that happen at work?
- ▲ Does the work performed by the organisation require strenuous lifting, carrying, pushing, pulling, reaching or repetitive handling?

**Managing health and safety is an important part of looking after your business. Accidents and ill health at work can cost money and ruin lives.**

**In all these circumstances ChamberH&S can help.**

## THE CHAMBERH&S ADVICE LINE PROVIDES:

- ▲ Telephone based health & safety advice and guidance
- ▲ Advice and guidance on good health & safety practice
- ▲ Assistance regarding the use and interpretation of the contents of the **ChamberH&S** site

## ALTERNATIVELY SHOULD YOU NEED FURTHER SUPPORT YOU CAN UPGRADE TO CHAMBERH&S SYSTEM

A practical on-site health & safety solution which can include:

- ▲ An initial on-site health & safety audit and detailed feedback report with:
  - Tailored health & safety manual
  - Tailored health & safety Employee Handbook
  - Hazard inventory and risk assessments
- ▲ Review of policies and procedures
- ▲ Health & safety training review
- ▲ Health & safety - implementation training
- ▲ Online accident and reporting management system
- ▲ Assistance with RIDDOR
- ▲ Assistance with bids and tenders
- ▲ Health & safety prosecution insurance cover
- ▲ Monthly newsletters and updates

Furthermore, the **ChamberH&S System** complements the **ChamberH&S** service, which includes 24/7 health & safety advice line and unlimited access to the **ChamberH&S** website.

**A significant  
benefit of Chamber  
membership**

*A complete  
health & safety  
service  
providing  
compliant  
documentation  
and advice*



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ▲ That every business needs a person responsible for health and safety, even if you are self employed.
- ▲ If you employ five or more persons by law you must have a written Health & Safety Policy.
- ▲ That having a Health & Safety Policy alone does not mean an organisation complies with the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974.
- ▲ That if you are the person responsible for health and safety in your business, you are also responsible for contractors, service engineers and visitors.
- ▲ Many large organisations and government funded contracts are awarded on the basis that policies, method statements and safe systems of work are provided as part of the tendering process.

## RECENT HSE STATISTICS

- ▲ 229 workers were killed in a year due to work related accidents.
- ▲ Over two million people were suffering from an illness which they believed was caused or made worse by their past or current work.
- ▲ 34 million working days were lost overall, 28 million due to work-related ill health and six million due to work place injury.
- ▲ The average penalty per HSE conviction was £12,896.



## H&S TIPS

- ▲ **Implementing health and safety doesn't need to be complicated, time consuming and expensive but it does need a competent person to take responsibility for health and safety within the organisation.**
- ▲ Health and Safety Law is there to prevent people from being harmed by work or becoming ill, help organisations to take the right precautions and provide a satisfactory working environment. The law is also there to protect the public from workplace dangers. Don't ignore it!
- ▲ **The self employed are also required to comply with the legislation, further more if you employ at least one person you should display the Employers Liability Insurance Certificate and the Health and Safety Law 'What you should know' poster.**
- ▲ Under the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974, if you employ five or more persons you must have a written statement of general policy relating to the health and safety of employees at work and the organisational arrangements to carry out this policy.

### The first steps for any company are:

- ▲ To assign health and safety accountabilities and responsibilities.
- ▲ To ensure access to competent health and safety resources.
- ▲ To develop a Health & Safety Policy.
- ▲ To identify company health and safety risks.
- ▲ To develop procedures that describe how to manage key health and safety risks.
- ▲ To ensure that employees have received appropriate training.
- ▲ To ensure a process is in place to enable employee consultation to take place.

## WHAT IS CHAMBERH&S?

Through the British Chambers of Commerce, its partners Qdos Consulting and Composite Legal Expenses have developed **ChamberH&S** - a comprehensive health and safety service delivered through the **ChamberH&S** web site and a dedicated health and safety advice line.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- ▲ Online health & safety health check
- ▲ Online health & safety reference guide
- ▲ A compliant Health & Safety Policy
- ▲ Template organisational responsibilities and structures
- ▲ Downloadable health & safety arrangements
- ▲ Regular health & safety updates
- ▲ Access to over 160 downloadable policies, forms, documents, templates and fact sheets
- ▲ Unlimited access to a 24/7 health & safety advice line with qualified and experienced health & safety advisors
- ▲ Access to locally delivered on-site health & safety training and consultancy

Further 'peace of mind' is provided as the **ChamberH&S** solution is complementary to the existing Chamber Legal Expenses Scheme (*subject to terms and conditions*).

To access the **ChamberH&S** service you will need a username and password which will be issued by your local Chamber when you join.

Telephone the ChamberH&S advice line on:

**0844 8000 820**

Or visit:

**[www.chamberhs.co.uk](http://www.chamberhs.co.uk)**