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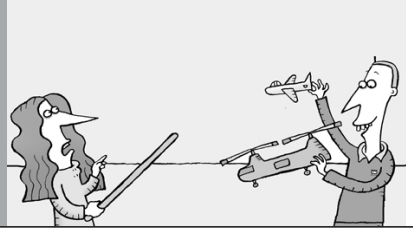

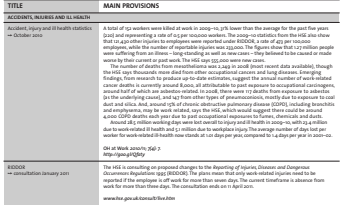

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Accident, injury and ill health statistics: → October 2010	A total of 137 workers were killed at work in 2009–10, 7% lower than the average for the past five years (150) and representing a rate of 0.5 per 100,000 workers. The accident statistics from the HSE also show that 121,436 other injuries to employees were reported under RIDDOR, a rate of 473 per 100,000 employees, while the number of reportable injuries was 231,000. The figures show that 1.27 million people were suffering from an illness – long-standing as well as new cases – they believed to be caused or made worse by their current or past work. The HSE says 557,000 were new cases. The number of deaths from mesothelioma was 2,249 in 2008 (most recent data available), though the HSE says thousands more died from other occupational cancers and lung diseases. Emerging findings, from research to produce up-to-date estimates, suggest the annual number of work-related cancer deaths is currently around 8,000, all attributable to past exposure to occupational carcinogens, including 2,000 from exposure to asbestos (in the lung, pleura or ovary), 1,000 from exposure to asbestos (in the underlying cause), and 5,000 from other types of pneumoconiosis, mostly due to exposure to coal dust and silica. And, around 17% of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including bronchitis and emphysema, may be work-related, says the HSE, which would suggest there could be around 4,000 COPD deaths each year due to past occupational exposures to fumes, chemicals and dusts. Around 28.7 million working days were lost overall to injury and ill health in 2009–10, with 23.4 million due to work-related ill health and 5.1 million due to workplace injury. The average number of days lost per worker for work-related ill health now stands at 1.01 days per year, compared to 1.4 days per year in 2001–02. *OH at Work 2010/11, 36(1)* *http://goo.gl/Q8eV*
RIDDOR → consultation January 2011	The HSE is consulting on proposed changes to the *Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995* (RIDDOR). The plans mean that only work-related injuries need to be reported if the employee is off work for more than seven days. The current timeframe is absence from work for more than three days. The consultation ends on 11 April 2011. www.hse.gov.uk/consult/live.htm
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