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Are you ready for winter driving?



Road Safety at Work

Have you completed your Occupational Road Risk Assessments?

Are you prepared for 'workplace' smoking ban?

Did you know?

- ▶ Fleet vehicle drivers have 30-40% higher accident rates per mile traveled!
- ▶ Almost a third of road deaths are people at work, which is equivalent to 4 jumbo jets crashing each year!
- ▶ £2.7 billion lost by UK business each year from road accidents!

Bringing Health and Safety to life!

Have you considering your Safety, Health & Environment training needs analysis for 2007?

IOSH have relaunched their Managing and Working Safely Training Courses. Now interactive they encourage delegate participation and include environment! Interested?

Tern Associates as IOSH accredited providers can deliver these courses in-house or at our training venue.

For further information call 0871 223 9800

As the days grow shorter and the temperature drops, the road safety team are recommending that driver's take some time to prepare themselves and their vehicle for the harsh weather conditions ahead.

The top three reasons for car breakdowns are **battery** failure, **tyre** problems and running out of **fuel**, all problems that can be avoided.

The AA's general advice for driving in snow or ice is as follows:

Stopping distances are **ten times longer** in ice and snow.

Gentle manoeuvres are the key to safe driving in heavy snow. Use all the car's controls - accelerator, brakes, clutch and steering - as gently and progressively as possible. Select second gear when pulling away, easing your foot off the clutch gently to avoid wheel-spin. Try to maintain a constant speed, choosing the most suitable gear in advance to avoid having to change down while climbing a hill. When driving downhill, choose third or fourth gear to prevent skidding.

Wear comfortable, dry shoes: cumbersome, snow-covered boots will slip on the pedals.

Carry an ice-scraper, de-icer, food, hot flask, blanket and a warning triangle in the car.

If you do get stuck, straighten the steering and clear the snow



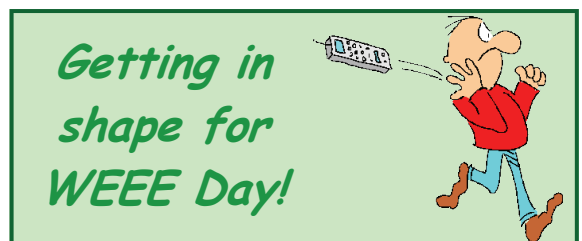
from the wheels. Put a sack or old rug in front of the driving wheels to give the tyres some grip. Once on the move again, try not to stop until you reach firmer ground.

Clear snow from the roof as well as from windows. Snow piled up on the roof can fall onto the windscreen obscuring your view and can also be a hazard to other road users. You could be fined up to £2,500 and receive three penalty points if the police consider your car a danger to other road users.

Keep to main roads as they are more likely to be gritted and will be patrolled by police.

Never let other speeding drivers lull you into a false sense of security. Only drive as fast as conditions allow

For further information visit www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk or call 0871 223 9800 to discuss your training needs



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Interested, call Alan on 0871 223 9800 for an informal chat or site review

Getting in shape for WEEE Day!



The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive aims to reduce the quantity of waste from electrical and electronic equipment by promoting separate collection and increasing reuse, recovery and recycling, minimising disposal to landfill.

The directive principally affects producers, importers, re-branders, distributors and recyclers of electrical and electronic equipment.

The WEEE Directive was adopted by the EU in 2003, along with the related Directive on Restrictions of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS).

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2006, which implement most aspects of the WEEE Directive in the UK are enforceable from 2 January 2007. Separate Regulations - The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Waste Management Licensing) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 are enforceable from 5 January 2007. These Regulations deal with the site licensing and WEEE treatment requirements.

Separate provisions will be introduced for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The WEEE Regulations apply to equipment which fall within 10 product categories listed in the WEEE Directive and include such items as:- IT & Telecommunications equipment; Electrical and electronic tools; Toys, leisure and sports equipment; household appliances and Medical devices.



Although the full take-back, treatment and recycling systems do not have to be in place until 1 July 2007 - 'WEEE Day' - there are a lot of things to do in early 2007 to get in shape!



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The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 came into force on 13 November 2006.

These Regulations bring together the three previous sets of Regulations covering the prohibition of asbestos, the control of asbestos at work and asbestos licensing.

The Regulations prohibit the importation, supply and use of all forms of asbestos. They continue the ban introduced for blue and brown asbestos 1985 and for white asbestos in 1999. They also continue to ban the second-hand use of asbestos products such as asbestos cement sheets and asbestos boards and tiles; including panels which have been covered with paint or textured plaster containing asbestos.

The ban applies to new use of asbestos. If existing asbestos containing materials are in good condition, they may be left in place, their condition monitored and managed to ensure they are not disturbed.

The Regulations impose a 'duty to manage asbestos' in non-domestic premises