

# IT'S OUR SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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## SAFETY AUDIT SCORES

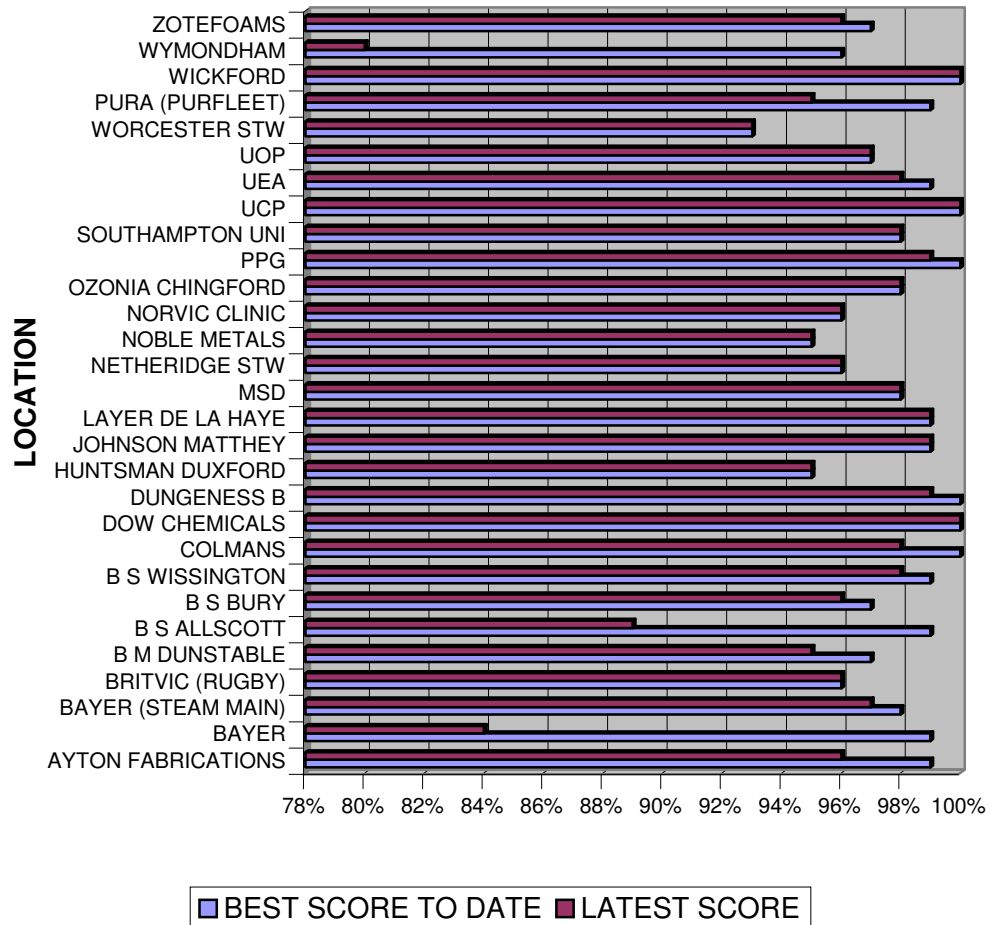
The safety audit scores achieved from January 2004 to date are given in the chart to the right.

There are a couple of disappointing scores shown here but generally the standards achieved are very good.

Congratulations to all the sites having achieved maximum bonus from their safety audits and we hope that the rest of you are able to achieve this.



## SAFETY AUDIT SCORES 2004-2005 (ADJUSTED TO REVISED SYSTEM)



## GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED BAN ON SMOKING IN WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC PLACES

The Government plans to prohibit smoking in virtually all enclosed work premises and public places in England, including restaurants and public houses that serve food.

The Government also plans to allow smoking bans to be introduced in places that may not fall strictly within the definition of 'enclosed' e.g. sports stadia, bus stops and other

similar outdoor areas. However, licensed premises that do not serve food would be able to continue to allow smoking, as would membership clubs, such as working men's and sports clubs.

Despite these exemptions, smoking in the bar area of licensed premises would always be prohibited. In addition, bars or pubs serving prepared food

at any time would have to ensure that the whole enclosed premises were completely smoke-free. This means that premises could not serve food in a non-smoking environment and then allow smoking when food is not being served.

Hope that's clear!!!



## ACCIDENT STATISTICS



To the people that actually take the time to read the Newsletter, you may have noticed that the categories have changed (see below).

This has been done to improve the effectiveness of placing incidents into a category and has at the same time matched our categories to the ones the HSE use in RIDDOR.

These new categories have brought to light the fact that Manual Handling is a larger problem than we originally believed it to be.

This prompted a questionnaire being sent to all sites requesting suggestions for any manual aids e.g. pipe barrows. The response from this was extremely poor, in fact the only response came from Purfleet and yes, it was a sensible request.

There has been manual handling training carried out in the past, where Dave Todd visited each site and gave a talk on the subject.

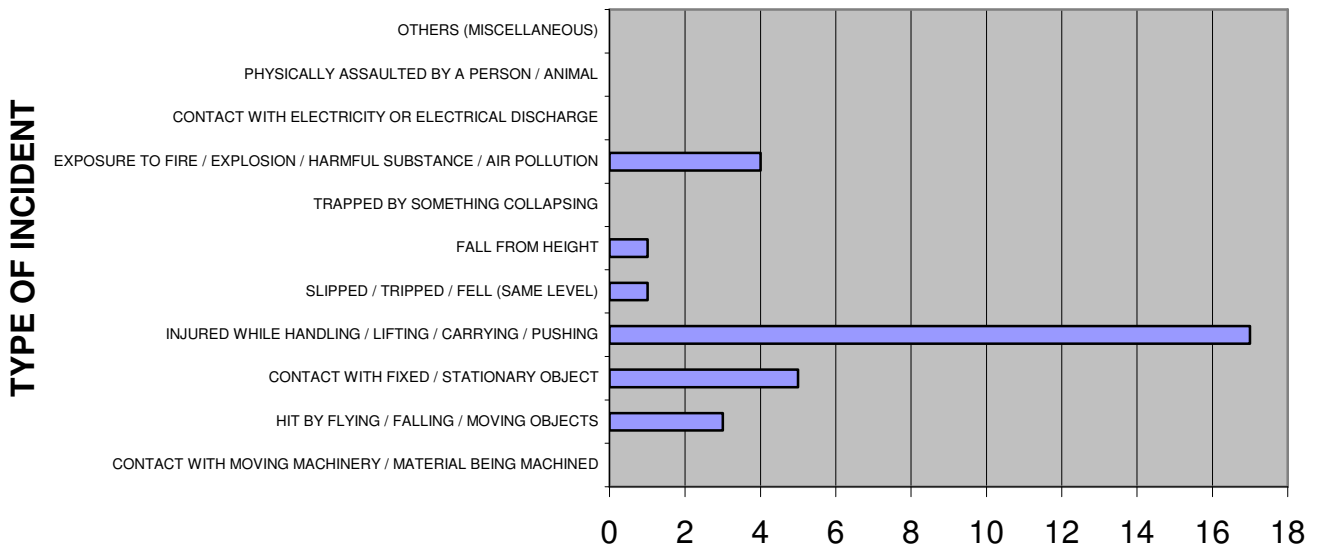
A job specific (for PNP), manual handling training course is being collated by an outside agency and all site

operatives will be requested to attend. The course is programmed to be completed by the end of the year (2006).

We hope you will gain something from this course to enable you to work more safely when lifting, pulling or pushing a load, item of equipment or tools.

Until this happens please be aware of your lifting capabilities, the environment around you e.g. slippery or uneven floors, your lifting technique and your assessment of the load.

### INCIDENT OCCURRENCES FROM END OF JULY 2004 TO END OF JULY 2005



### EUROPEAN WEEK FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK 2005

This year's European Week of Safety and Health at Work (24th-28th October 2005) will focus on noise in the workplace.

Damage to hearing from exposure to loud noise at work is a significant and yet preventable problem. Research estimates that 170,000 people in the UK suffer deafness,

tinnitus or other ear conditions as a result of excessive noise at work. The problem occurs in many workplaces, but particularly in the manufacturing and construction industries, as well as farms, transport operations, mines and quarries. This year's campaign seeks to draw attention to the practical issues

and ways of controlling noise in different working environments.

We have made an assessment of the 'noise' emitted from items of equipment etc. Please see risk assessment number 28 and remember to wear your ear protection when required.