

## Ladder toolbox talk

The **Ladder Association** has capped a record-breaking six months for ladder training by releasing a new Toolbox Talk on equipment inspection. The 'Inspection of Ladders and Stepladders' talk sees the association's technical manager Don Aers discuss legal requirements, what to look for and how to carry out an inspection. The video joins a number of ladder talks available on the association's website, including the use of ladders in scaffolding and guidance for more casual users.

This comes during a period of growth: in March the association broke its previous monthly record for people trained, more than doubling February's figure. Also, more people were trained in safe ladder use in the first five months of 2013 than in the entirety of 2010.

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## Free webinar on noise hazards

3M is hosting a free webinar on hearing conservation and noise hazards in the workplace as part of its 'safety spotlight' series. The webinar will take place on Thursday 20 June at 12 noon and be hosted by 3M technical engineer Sarah Broadbent.

Providing an overview on noise in the workplace, the webinar will cover identification of potential noise hazards, selection of appropriate hearing protection equipment, and hearing protection validation and training for employees.

Sarah said: "The webinar will provide an insight for customers aiming to create or update a successful hearing conservation programme as part of their broader health and safety strategy."

To register go to [www.3M.co.uk/ohes/speakerseries](http://www.3M.co.uk/ohes/speakerseries)  
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## Slick oil project

**RRC Middle East (RRCME)** has helped Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company (ORPIC) to manage health and safety during the 46-day total turnaround of its Sohar refinery and petrochemical plant for major essential maintenance. RRCME provided ten competent oil and gas HSE practitioners to carry out a range of services including training, safety inspections and risk

assessment, which helped ORPIC to achieve zero harm and minimum loss.

RRCME MD Hasan Alaradi said: "Over 3,500 workers performed a variety of extremely high-risk tasks at the same time, dealing with risks including fire, explosion and toxic gas release, often working at height or in confined and dusty spaces and during the hours of darkness."

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## Achieving the 'hire standard'

Professional power tool manufacturer **Makita** is supporting the latest training initiative from the Hire Association Europe (HAE). The HAE has launched a shared apprenticeship scheme aimed at raising and

broadening the knowledge levels of customer-facing staff so that rental customers receive high quality and skilled technical advice about machine selection and performance.

Makita has devised and delivered a new training course for these apprentices as an integral module within the HAE's two-year training scheme. This embraces the general product knowledge delivered by the Makita Be Safe courses that are run in construction colleges and teach core health and safety factors.

Makita will provide an advanced module in the second year of the apprenticeship which will allow more specialisation within the power tool and grounds care machinery business.

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## Gate safety scheme

To increase levels of safety of powered automatic gates, the Powered Gate Group of the **Door & Hardware Federation (DHF)** has launched a training scheme that will be compulsory for all DHF members who install powered gates. Two two-day training courses for DHF member employees will be held in September and October, with more due to be held in early 2014. All installers who successfully complete the course will be awarded the DHF Gate Safety Diploma.

The Diploma will cover all aspects



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of gate safety from initial risk assessment through to force testing.  
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## PAL+ course

IPAF's new PAL+ training course is now available from **Mentor**. The advanced course, designed for experienced delegates operating in high risk or challenging environments, comes recommended by the UK Contractor's Group (UKCG).

Operators such as steel erectors and net fixers, who work in overhead confined spaces, around pillars or steel frames, on challenging terrain, or above or below obstacles, can take the one-day course to supplement their skills.

Training is category specific; delegates can complete PAL+ training on a static vertical (1a+), static boom (1b+), mobile vertical (3a+) or mobile boom (3b+).

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## Lockout/tag-out movie

**Brady Corporation**, a global supplier of industrial safety solutions, has developed a modular training movie for the lockout/tagout safety procedure.

The Lockout/Tagout Global Best Practices Training Movie is designed to inform and train both safety leaders and employees who may be exposed to hazardous equipment energies.

Available in more than 10 languages, it shows how to use the various lockout/tagout devices and how they prevent incidents and fatalities. Modules can be added or removed from the training movie as required.

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