

## NEW PRODUCTS

## Chemical spillage

Preparation, planning and training are key to reaching an effective and efficient response to a spillage. Such incidents are, at the very least, an inconvenience. When the quantity is small or the substance is not very hazardous, people don't think twice about dealing with the problem. But what happens if the substance is around 500L of something highly flammable, toxic or corrosive?

Chemical Spill Response is a one-day training course presented by NCEC (National Chemical Emergency Centre). The aim of the course is to provide the knowledge to those working with chemicals to be able identify the hazards and determine the risks associated with a spillage and to provide a framework on which to build an effective spill response plan.

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## Working safely with telehandlers

The latest DVD video release from Paragon Training addresses the aspects of working safely with telehandlers.

In addition to general safe operating advice, Telehandler Safety – the Essential Guide demonstrates pre-start checks and basic maintenance, safe manoeuvring, picking-up, lifting and placing loads. It also provides an overview of the safe operation of quick-hitch attachments.

Guidance given is consistent with the general operator training requirements of the NPORS (National Plant Operators Registration Scheme) in the UK.

Also new from Paragon Training is a DVD on excavator safety.

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## TRAINING &amp; CONSULTANCY

## Help with managing health & safety



RRC Middle East (RRCME) was called in recently by Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company (ORPIC) to help manage health and safety during the 46-day total turnaround of its Sohar refinery and petrochemical plant for essential maintenance.

RRCME managed safety at the site, providing 10 competent oil and gas HSE practitioners to cover the vast areas and numerous maintenance activities required.

Hasan Alaradi, MD of RRCME, explained: "During oil and gas plant maintenance activities, vessels and pipelines are opened and this could under certain circumstances result in releases of hydrocarbons and/or toxic chemicals. There were many problems to overcome with an operation of this size, scale and risk. Over 3500 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."

The RRCME team's duties included: Providing safety induction training for the entire workforce; and

- Conducting regular safety inspections and spot checks to ensure that all safety rules were adhered to and equipment fully operational;
- Risk Assessment of work activities before issuing permits to work;
- Enforcing adherence to PPE requirements;
- Gas testing;
- Supervision of critical tasks, such as confined space entry, heavy critical lifts and working at height;
- Providing a support service to the emergency team.

The RRCME HSE team provided the site safety management service requested and helped the ORPIC turnaround management team achieve its objectives of zero harm and minimum loss.

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## Managing forklifts

Mentor's Managing Forklift Operations course was shortlisted in the Safety Practices category at IMHX's Design 4 Safety Awards 2013 for its contribution to the promotion of safety awareness and incident reduction. The course aims to eliminate the potential missing link between providing operator training and achieving a safe working



environment. Unlike employees who regularly use forklift trucks, managers and supervisors are not required to be qualified forklift operators and Mentor sees this as a potentially dangerous knowledge gap.

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## Fundamentals of health and safety

The Fire Protection Association has released a new Training Information Pack (TIP) that offers a ready-made package for those wishing to deliver health and safety induction training in-house.

The package combines a recent DVD release – Fundamentals of Health



and Safety – with professionally produced training aids including: PowerPoint presentation, delegate handouts, quiz sheets, certificate template and accompanying trainer handbook.

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## Online courses

Evacusafe now offers a range of Evacuation Chair training courses, which can be taken online. Once a trainee has successfully passed a course they can print their own certificate of achievement, course notes and access a training video.

Evacusafe director, Paul Mitchell, said: "With the advent of e-learning in recent years, it seemed natural for us to be able to offer our courses online. Companies can then bulk buy a number of licenses to enable their staff to become proficient at using evacuation equipment, without having to leave the office to take a training course?"

Course start at £35 per trainee and can be purchased at [www.evacusafe.net/store](http://www.evacusafe.net/store).

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## Free webinar

3M is hosting a free webinar on hearing conservation and noise hazards in the workplace as part of its 'safety spotlight' series of free webinars. The webinar will take place on Thursday 20 June at 12 noon and will be hosted by technical engineer Sarah Broadbent from the Personal Safety division of 3M. Providing an overview on noise in the workplace, the webinar will cover identification of potential noise hazards, selection of appropriate hearing protection equipment (HPE), and hearing protection validation and training for employees.

Other topics will include the importance of understanding a Personal Attenuation Rating (PAR) value for an individual and the benefits of the E-A-Rfit Validation System.

To register, go to [www.3m.co.uk/ohes/speakerseries](http://www.3m.co.uk/ohes/speakerseries)

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