

Reassurance for lone workers

The Loner SMD from **Castle Group** has been developed to address the threat faced by people who work alone or unsupervised.

The Loner SMD is a personally worn device that contains various personal protection features including a silent or audible panic alarm, a fall detector and a motion detector for man-down alerts. The system will also alert when its user logs on or off the system, all which can be tracked on a simple internet portal.

In the event of an alert, the user can be pin-pointed via a map-based window on the web portal, which will give details of the user and of the nature of the alert.

Operating over multiple mobile phone networks and with a high-power aerial, this product can send



alerts even in areas of very poor mobile phone signal. Combined with high precision GPS, Loner SMD can optionally be used as a tracking device if this is of benefit to the organisation.

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Sound guidance

As part of its commitment to keeping people safe in the workplace,

Arco has created an Expert Guide on communication solutions that has been designed to provide guidance on the selection of hearing protection that features integrated communication capabilities and to advise on the different types of solutions available.

Hearing protection with integrated communication



capabilities enables workers in high noise environments to communicate with each other efficiently and safely. People who use the specialist equipment will be able to hear warning signals and quickly communicate with co-workers.

Arco's guide offers advice on employee protection, legislation conformance and product selection. It also offers several communications options, including products such as two-way radios, radio headsets, intrinsically safe and in-ear microphone plug solutions.

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Detects wide range of VOCs

Crowcon's new Gas-Pro PID portable gas detector, part of the Gas-Pro range, detects a wide range of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found in many industrial applications.

VOCs are not only highly flammable, they pose a toxic hazard at very low concentrations – well below the lower explosive limit (LEL) of the VOCs. H₂S, also detected by PID, is likewise extremely toxic at very low concentrations.

The Gas-Pro PID is designed to detect and warn of these dangerous



compounds well below the concentrations at which they become toxic. Features include: Top-mount, easy-to-read display for quick decision making, ergonomic design, PID correction factor – set to target VOCs – and Broad range PID which detects hundreds of gases. Water and dust resistant to IP65, the detector has tri-colour status indication and +ve Safety.

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Latest sports-styled trainer

Birchwood PriceTools now offers the flexible Halo Safety Trainer from the Scruffs range; this sports-styled trainer comes with both a steel toe cap and steel plated midsole.

The orange padded tongue and heel provide cushioning and ensure comfort throughout the working day, helping to reduce foot fatigue.

The trainer is said to be safe to wear within a slippery environment

being SRA rated for anti-slip resistance and is especially suitable for dry trade.

Canvas mesh uppers afford breathability, and the company says the footwear is suitable for both on-site and off-site wear. Featuring a new hardwearing, low-profile sole, the low weight trainer is available in sizes 7 to 12

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Importance of head protection

A new study from Oxford University, which found that head injuries triple the long-term risk of early death, serves to emphasise the importance of adequate and suitable head protection in the workplace.

The study found that those who suffer traumatic brain injuries (TBIs)



are more likely to go on to kill themselves or to be involved in fatal accidents, since TBIs may damage parts of the brain responsible for judgement, decision-making and risk taking.

JSP offers a range of industrial head protection – from products designed to protect against bumps and scrapes that exceed the requirements of EN812, to industrial head protection products that exceed the requirements of EN397. Some of JSP's helmets, such as the Mk8 Evolution, meet and exceed the new, far tougher, head protection standard EN14052.

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Training in focus

Visitors to the **RRC Training** stand at the recent Health & Safety Event at the NEC, Birmingham, were able to benefit from RRC's knowledge and experience, and obtain samples of its training materials, which have helped thousands develop their careers over many years.

In addition to a prize draw giving visitors the chance to win a free NEBOSH Certificate Course at their Chorley, Newcastle or Birmingham

training centres, the stand featured leaflets offering visitors a 15% discount on all of RRC's NEBOSH, NVQ, IOSH, IEMA, and CQI courses.

The RRC team was on-hand to offer advice to individuals looking to further their career in the HSEQ industry, and to provide guidance for those looking to develop an effective training programme for their staff.

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