

SHBH&S Forum

November 23- Information Update

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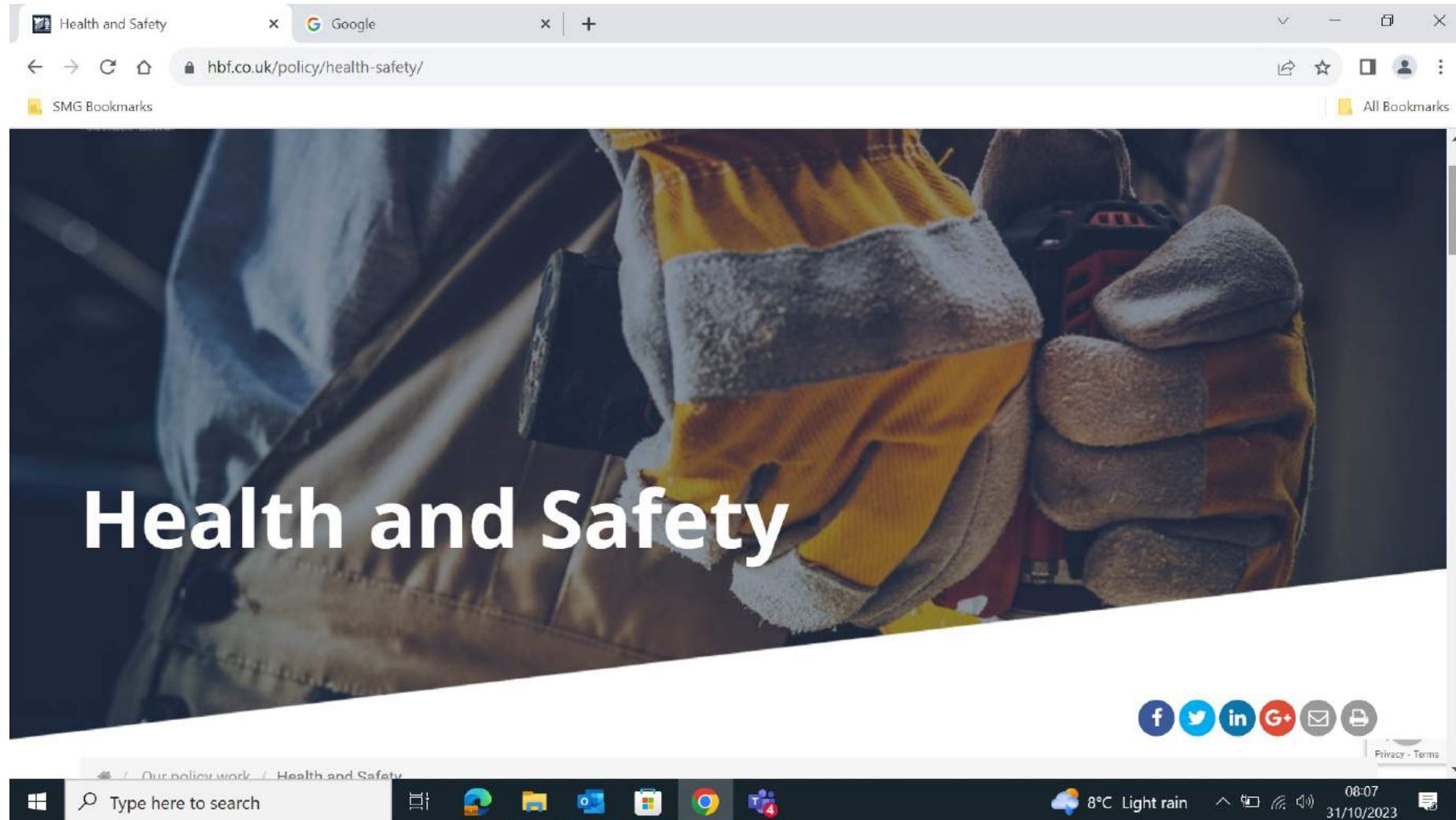
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2021 - 2022 Aims & Objectives

The Home Building industry is committed to continually improving health and safety performance and promoting its management through members of the HBF Health and Safety Committee. The core aims of the committee are to drive a positive Health and Safety culture within the home building industry through agreeing and putting into practice measures that meet or may exceed statutory requirements. View our 2021 - 2022 Action Plan & Workstream [here](#)

Policy & Compliance

In this section you will find all relevant Health & Safety policy and compliance documents, such as:

- HBF HS Charter
- HBF Charter Safe Working Practice COVID19
- HBF HS Committee Structure Relationship
- HBF HS Committee Terms of Reference

Sector Guidance Notes

The HBF Health and Safety Committee have worked together to produce sector guidance notes on key topics within Home Building linked to the HSC 2021 action plan.

RIDDOR data collection

Health and safety data is collected from all volunteer member organisations in accordance with the Health and Safety Executive's Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) procedure to ensure accurate statistics.

Meet the team

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“Sector Guidance Notes”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL hbf.co.uk/policy/health-safety/sector-guidance-notes/. The page displays a list of guidance notes on the left and a sidebar on the right.

Guidance Notes List:

- 22 Jun, 2022**
HBF Roof Trusses Spandrel Panels Guidance
- 14 Apr, 2022**
'Induction Content' minimum standard
- 24 Mar, 2022**
HBF Plasterboard Guidance - March 2022
- 3 Dec, 2021**
HBF PPE Minimum Standards - December 2021
- 23 Feb, 2021**
HBF Temporary Works Guidance 2021
- 11 Feb, 2021**
HBF Standard for Traffic Management 2020

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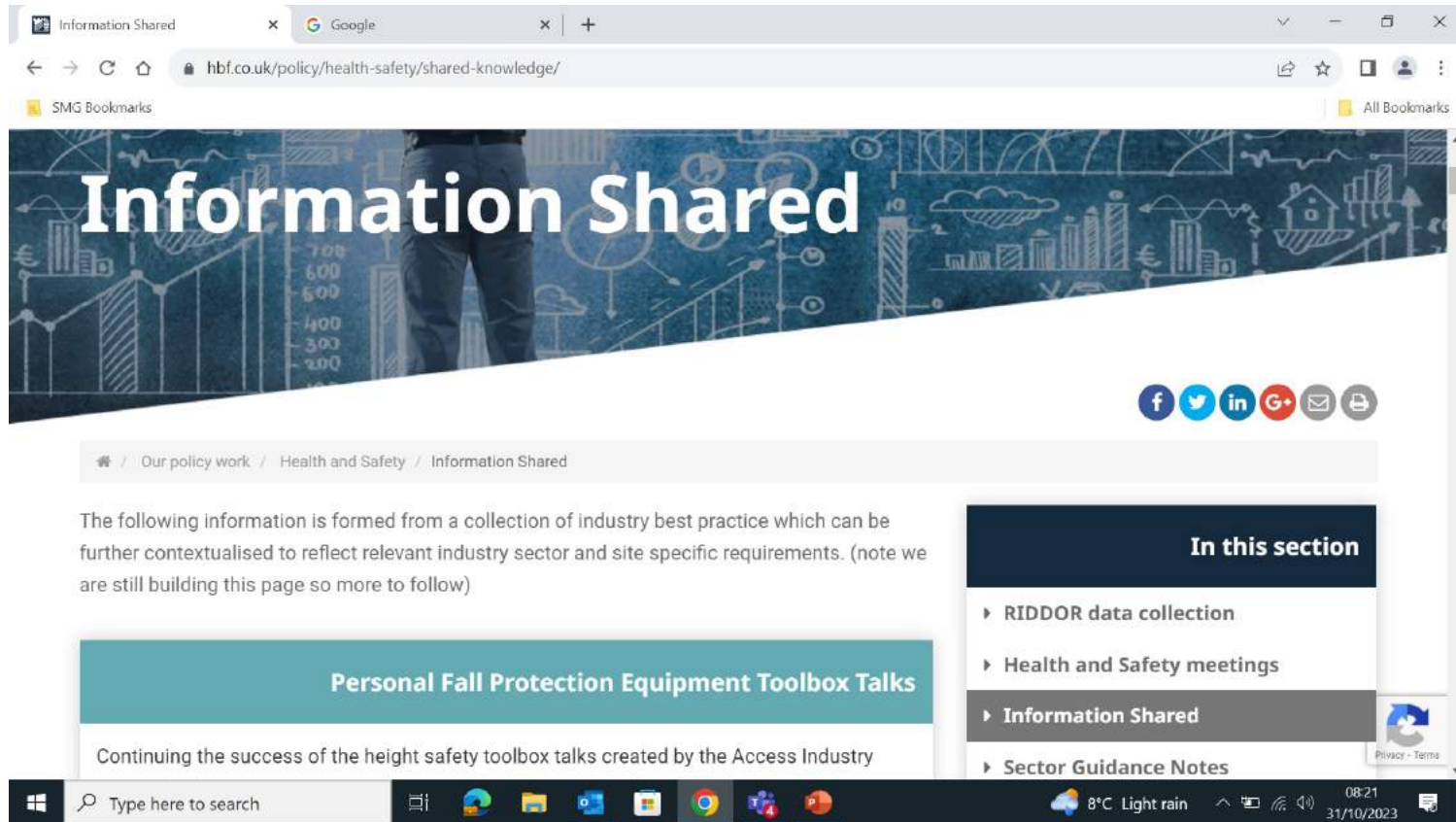
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LATEST NEWS

- HBF response: Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill receives Royal Assent.**
27 Oct, 2023
- Housing Horizons: New analysis shows true scale of how UK housing is falling behind international counterparts**
5 Oct, 2023
- HBF survey finds British public believe the housing crisis is dividing the nation and Government is responsible for fixing it**
21 Sep, 2023
- HBF response: Lords Built Environment Committee report**

Taskbar: Windows 11 taskbar with search bar, task view, and icons for Edge, File Explorer, Outlook, Teams, Chrome, and PowerPoint. System tray shows 8°C, light rain, and date 31/10/2023.

“Information Shared”



Shared Information is formed from a collection of industry best practice which can be further contextualised to reflect relevant industry sector and site specific requirements.

(Note HBF are still building this webpage so more to follow)

The Access Industry Forum (AIF) supported by the Home Builders Federation (HBF), a new series of toolbox talks about Personal Fall Protection Equipment (PFPE) has been released “**Personal Fall Protection**” – TBT’s


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HBF extends free mental health awareness training

18 Sep, 2023

New research reveals house builders have given water companies £1bn in 3 years for ensure infrastructure fit for purpose

12 Sep, 2023

Councils sitting on £2.8bn of unspent funding for affordable housing, roads and schools

10 Sep, 2023

Number of new homes gaining planning permission continues to plunge

8 Sep, 2023

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- HBF in collaboration with the Access Industry Forum (AIF) recently launched the first in a series of “**Height Safety**” podcasts. The series of podcasts, which are released every quarter, delve deeper into the area of work at height and provide expert insight into a range of specific work at height topics....
- The Access Industry Forum (AIF), Edge Protection Federation (EPF), Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training (FASET), and the HBF have created a series of new toolbox talks to provide guidance for operatives and site managers on the correct training, testing and inspection requirements needed to ensure “**Temporary Edge Protection**” systems are properly installed and maintained.
- The Access Industry Forum (AIF), Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training (FASET) and HBF have created a series of toolbox talks on the safe use of access “**Platform Decking Systems**”. This new guidance provides key information and useful references for installers, site managers and site supervisors to consider when using access hatches, how to avoid misuse and cross-contamination of access platform decking systems.

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You can also access and download additional resources to your phone or other smart devices by clicking the QR codes within..



Produced by the Access Industry Forum (AIF) and the Ladder Association, and supported by the Home Builders Federation.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Toolbox Talks are NOT intended to replace formal training but to supplement it.



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HOW TO... SELECT THE RIGHT LADDER

What is the risk?

Ladders can be a sensible and practical option for low risk and short duration tasks, but they shouldn't automatically be your first choice. If it's right to use a ladder, make sure you choose the right ladder. Ladders come in all shapes and sizes - it's down to you to find the most suitable one for each task.

What type of ladder should you choose?

- There are various types of ladders available on the market. Most common are Leaning Ladders, Stepladders, Step Stools, Combination Ladders, Multi Hinge Joint Ladders, Telescopic Ladders, Mobile Ladders with a Platform and Roof Ladders.
- Consider the task you are carrying out to determine the most appropriate type of ladder to use, as certain types of ladders may be more suitable for your task.
- Ask the manufacturer for help if you're unsure.

Select the right class

- There are two classes of ladder; Professional and Non-Professional.
- Only use 'Professional' ladders at work - they are more durable and are designed to withstand more demanding conditions. Look out for the 'Professional' symbol on the ladder label (see above). Never use 'Non-Professional' or 'Class 3' ladders at work, they are designed only to be used at home.
- To stay safe, use a ladder that meets current standard EN 131 - they are wider, stronger and sturdier. Only buy from a reputable source, as cheaper ladders sold online may be falsely claiming to be compliant and could be unsafe to use.
- If your ladder was compliant to withdrawn standards BS 2037 and BS 1129 (often referred to as Class 1 and Class 3 ladders), you can still use them as long as they are in good condition (pre-use checks and detailed inspections will help you check the ladder is safe to use). When you need to replace them, only buy ladders that meet EN 131.



Select the right material

Ladders are made of materials including aluminium, steel, wood and fibreglass. Each material has properties that make the ladder suitable for some applications and unsuitable for others.

- Aluminium - lightweight, easy to move and position. Do not use near electricity - they are very good conductors of electricity so increases the risk of electrical shock.
- Steel - heavy, more difficult to move around, but very durable.
- Wood & Fibreglass - keep ladders well clear of live electrical equipment, particularly high voltage overhead cables. If the work is unavoidable and you need to use a ladder, use one made of fibreglass or wood, and keep them clean and dry.

Select the right height

- Always choose a ladder long enough for the job - don't over reach and never try to gain extra height by standing on or your ladder on bricks, boxes etc.
- Leaning ladders - do not stand on the last 3 rungs.
- Stepladders - never use as a leaning ladder in the closed position. On a stepladder without a platform, do not stand on the top tread or the two treads below. Never stand on a hand or knee rail.
- Combination ladders - on three-part combination ladders in stepladder mode, do not stand on the top four rungs.

5 KEY POINTS:

- Decide if a ladder is the right solution
- Use the most appropriate type of ladder for the task
- Only use 'Professional' ladders at work
- Make sure your ladder meets current standard
- Make sure your ladder is long enough



Who needs to know:

- Anyone who uses ladders and stepladders on site
- Managers and site supervisors

Useful references:

- LA455 'Safe Use of Ladders and Stepladders: A brief guide'
- Ladder Association Code of Practice



FORM DECKING SYSTEMS R ACCESS HATCHES RS/DISMANTLERS

Bad practice - a section of floor has been removed and a temporary / sacrificial joist has been installed in an attempt to support the weakened floor.

5 KEY POINTS:

- Ensure you receive a site Induction
- Ensure you receive, understand and work in accordance with the RAMS
- Carry out a visual inspection and report any issues
- Always use access hatches to gain access to the upper floor
- Stop working if you feel anything is unsafe and report to your Supervisor

Useful references:

- FASET APD-03 Upper Floor Access Hatches
- FASET Access Platform Decking Guidance Note
- The Work at Height Regulations 2005

DISMANTLERS

ie risk assessment & method statement (RAMS) for your work; ng in accordance with the RAMS; t the upper floor has been finished, is free from defects, and low for any obvious defects such as missing or dislodged y gain access to the upper floor of new build properties (or to remain open and the void left is large enough for an Inspection to check that the flooring panels look sound and ere are any issues, speak to the site manager so that issues can rvisor that you think could make your work safer; and report to your Supervisor.



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Ongoing work streams & HBF sub-groups....

- **Fire Safety during Construction**

The guidance is in its final draft stage. It includes minimum requirements and best practice below every minimum requirement.

- **Service Strikes**

Updated the National Skills Council competency framework and is moving forward with the updated framework. Those working in excavation have to achieve a minimum requirement and wear ARC rated PPE.

- **HBF Standards**

The subgroup is still looking at training and will be working with the resources and communications subgroup. The “Standards Document” will be amended from minimum and best practise and instead focus on what does good look like.

- **RIDDOR – Slips, trips and falls...**

- **HBF Resources and communications**

Existing resources are reviewed and kept up to date, improving communication with other HBF members and improving the accessibility and content of the H&S page on the HBF website.....

**Any Questions
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Thank You**

