



## **GOSHA Newsletter** **May 2020**

So much has happened, so many things change by the day - prepare for Coronavirus!

### **Assess - Prevent - Reduce – Protect**

#### COVID-19

The UK Government has issued guidance for UK workplaces to address the enhanced issues brought about by COVID-19.

If you haven't seen them, we thought you may like to be aware of them. Go to

[www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19)

In Guernsey, our government has created a very helpful dedicated website:

<https://covid19.gov.gg/>

And our local HSE has bespoke guidance relating to Guernsey workplaces safety and health at

[www.gov.gg/hse](http://www.gov.gg/hse)

The guidance from HSE includes:

- Travel to and from Guernsey is severely restricted and [anyone entering the Bailiwick will be required to self-isolate for 14 days](#)
- COVID-19 is a [reportable disease](#) for healthcare workers who are diagnosed (confirmed test) with COVID-19 as a result of their work. Deaths from COVID-19 in [healthcare workers](#) are also reportable.

#### Other Causes of Injury and Illness

If you now have a little extra time because of the slow-down, it would be time well spent to think about the risks to safety and health in your workplace and how they can be avoided or mitigated. Doing this can make a business more efficient and effective and often simple, cost-efficient/no-cost changes are all that is needed.

The majority of accidents arise because people are not giving their full attention to the task in hand, are turning a blind-eye to general tidiness and orderliness in the working environment, are avoiding or putting off training and guidance and because the right PPE is not being used.

Training and suitable PPE have been issues for healthcare staff during COVID-19, why does training and the provision and use of appropriate PPE not achieve the same levels of attention in some Guernsey workplaces?

And if you are working from home or are responsible for home workers, have a look at

[www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/workers/home.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/workers/home.htm)