



# A EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN ON SAFE MAINTENANCE

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# What are the Healthy Workplaces European Campaigns?



- Set up in 1996 by the European Union, EU-OSHA is the main EU reference point for safety and health at work.
- A major activity is the “Healthy Workplaces” European campaign, which focuses on a different theme every two years.
- Up to 2007 the campaigns were referred to as ‘Euroweek’
- The 2010 – 2011 campaign is on ‘Safe Maintenance’

# What is the European campaign about?

“Maintenance”:

- activity on plant or equipment “to keep it in a working and safe state...”

Two main types:

- Preventive/proactive maintenance  
*before it deteriorates or fails*
- Corrective/reactive maintenance  
*after it has broken down*

# Scope of the European campaign

- Maintenance takes place in almost all workplaces. Organisations, irrespective of size and purpose, should take the opportunity to consider how they manage maintenance in their workplaces.
- ‘safety during maintenance activities’
- ‘ensuring schedules and procedures for necessary maintenance are in place’

# European campaign objectives

The European Agency's campaign objectives are:

- To raise awareness of the importance of maintenance for workers' safety and health, of the risks associated with maintenance, and of the need to carry it out safely;
- To raise awareness of employers' legal and moral duties to consider health and safety in maintenance, and of the business case;
- To promote a simple, structured approach to OSH management in maintenance, based on an appropriate risk assessment.

# European campaign messages

There is a triple cost to bad maintenance:

- The worker pays when they are injured (or worse)
- The organisation pays through losses, disruption, reputation, staff morale and enforcement action;
- The state pays through lost revenues, and the costs of welfare and healthcare provision

**GOOD OSH MANAGEMENT IS AT THE CORE OF  
SAFE AND HEALTHY MAINTENANCE**

# European campaign resources



osha.europa.eu/en/campaigns/hw2010/  

 European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

 **HEALTHY WORKPLACES**  
GOOD FOR YOU  
GOOD FOR BUSINESS

**Maintenance** [Get it right](#) [Get involved](#)  
[Resources](#) [About](#) [Partners](#)  
[Press and Multimedia](#)

 

Without proper maintenance things can go dramatically wrong in the workplace.

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# European campaign resources



The screenshot shows the 'Get involved' page of the Healthy Workplaces Campaign website. The page has a dark blue header with navigation links: 'Maintenance', 'Get it right', 'Get involved', 'Resources', 'About', and 'Partners'. Below the header, there are three yellow buttons: 'Good practice award', 'Topic a partner', and 'Activities list'. The main content area is white and features the following elements:

- Get involved** (Section Header)
- THE HEALTHY WORKPLACES CAMPAIGN IS OPEN FOR PARTICIPATION TO ALL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. GET ACTIVE!** (Text)
- Image:** A close-up of a person's hands using a power tool to work on a yellow hard hat.
- You can get involved in the Healthy Workplaces Campaign by:** (Text)
- Disseminating and publicising campaign information and materials** (leaflets, factsheets, checklists, etc.), to raise awareness of safe maintenance, both within your own organisation and with those you work with. Check out our [Campaign resources](#)
- Organising your own activities** – including maintenance training, conferences or workshops, poster, film or photo competitions or quizzes, suggestion schemes, advertising campaigns, or press conferences.
- Taking part in the Good Practice Awards Competition**, which recognises organisations of different sizes that have found innovative ways of promoting safe maintenance. [more...](#)
- Participating in the European Week for Safety and Health at Work**, which takes place in October every year and during

**LANGUAGE:** (Dropdown menu)

**NEWS:**

- 14.07.2018: Safe maintenance is good business: 25 per cent of organisations join an OHSW Campaign Partner
- 13.07.2018: Experience in Sweden July
- 01.07.2018: Maintenance and OHSW: a natural partner
- 20.06.2018: 10 tips to deal with high voltage equipment in the office

[More news...](#)

**EVENTS:**

- Healthy Workplaces Campaign: Awareness visit to Brussels Public Transportation (MPT) **25** days ahead
- Healthy Workplaces in the construction sector - Healthy Workplaces Campaign: Stakeholder Seminar - Slovakia **9** days ahead
- INTERPROMEC - International Fair of Personal Protective Equipment, Health and Safety at Work **13** days ahead

[More events...](#)

# The campaign in the UK

There is a Focal Point National Network (HSE hosts, plus TUC, CBI, EEF, IOSH, RoSPA)

The HSE website hosts a campaign 'microsite'

Look out for what other organisations in the UK are initiating too (eg these joint EEF/TUC/HSE events, Enterprise Europe Yorkshire's European Campaign week event, Cardiff & South East Wales Occupational Health and Safety Group and others)

Possible two year approach:

- Year one - 'safety during maintenance activities'
- Year two - 'getting schedules and procedures for necessary maintenance in place'

# The campaign in the UK



The screenshot shows the HSE website's 'Safe maintenance' campaign page. The page is structured as follows:

- Header:** HSE logo, 'Health and Safety Executive', search bar, and navigation tabs (Home, News, Guidance, About you, About HSE, Contact HSE).
- Breadcrumbs:** HSE » Guidance » Tools » Safe maintenance
- Main Content:**
  - Safe maintenance:** A central section with a title, an introductory paragraph, and a photograph of tools. It includes a link for 'Further information on the UK Campaign'.
  - Hazards during maintenance:** A section with a title, a paragraph about worker exposure to hazards, and a 'More hazards' link.
  - Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2010-2011:** A section with a title, a graphic of a stylized person with a gear for a head, and a link to the 'European campaign website'.
  - Resources:** A section with a title, links to 'Safe maintenance health checklist' and 'NAPo in... Safe maintenance', and a 'More resources' link.
  - Events:** A section with a title, a list item for 'Launch event - 21 June 2010', and a 'More events' link.
  - Subscribe:** A dark red box with the title 'Subscribe', the text 'Keep in touch with all the latest news from HSE', and icons for RSS, eBulletin, SMS, and Podcast.
- Left Sidebar:**
  - Safe maintenance:** A list of links: Campaign information, Hazards during maintenance (circled in red), Health checklist, Learning from experience (circled in red), Resources, and Events.
  - Related content:** A list of links: European Good Practice Awards, HSE Infoline, EU OSHA, IOSH, EEF, and TUC.
- Footer:** A grid of links for News, Guidance, About you, About HSE, Contact HSE, and Search, each with sub-links.

# The campaign in the UK



Safe maintenance
Campaign information
+ Hazards during maintenance
Health checklist
Learning from experience
+ Resources
Events

#### Related content

- European Good Practice Awards
- HSE Infoline
- EU OSHA
- IOSH
- EEF
- TUC

## The safe maintenance healthcheck

**Get your workforce to score you out of ten - Is your workplace good enough?**

**Do our staff always isolate machines before doing maintenance?**

If you aren't sure, you need to watch what happens in practice and speak to the staff concerned. For basic advice see [isolation and permits to work](#).

**Have all our maintenance staff got their own isolation padlocks and warning boards?**

If you don't know, speak to the staff concerned.

**Do we know if we've got asbestos in the building, and where it is?**

Ask to see the relevant plans, drawings or reports. For a step by step guide to managing asbestos in buildings see HSE's [Managing my asbestos webpages](#). Section 5 in particular deals with the [inspection of buildings](#).

**Do we use this asbestos information when we plan building maintenance jobs?**

For a step by step guide to managing asbestos in buildings see HSE's [Managing my asbestos webpages](#). Section 6 in particular deals with using the findings to [plan maintenance work](#).

**Are we thinking about what access equipment is right for the job, or just using whatever we have to hand?**

Use the [HSE WAIT Tool](#) to find the right kind of access equipment for specific maintenance jobs.

**Are we thinking through proper lifting plans before lifting heavy loads?**

Substantial advice is contained in the 71 page [LOLER Approved Code of Practice](#), but for basic advice see [planning and supervising lifts](#) and the [temporary instability of heavy items](#).

**Are any of us competent enough to take charge of non-standard lifting jobs?**

Substantial advice is contained in the 71 page [LOLER Approved Code of Practice](#), but for basic advice see [planning and supervising lifts](#).

**Do we use 'permits to work' properly when we need them?**

If you aren't sure, you need to watch what happens in practice and speak to the staff concerned. For basic advice see [isolation and permits to work](#). More detailed advice see HSE's [Human Factors guidance on Permit to work systems](#).

**Do we have any confined spaces?**

For basic advice see [isolation and permits to work](#).

**Do our managers and supervisors stop maintenance work if it isn't being done safely?**

### Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2010-2011



[European Campaign website](#)

### Resources



[Safe maintenance healthcheck](#)



[NAP0 in... Safe maintenance](#)



[Posters](#)

[More resources](#)

# The campaign in the UK

Award scheme example:

The British Ceramics Confederation (BCC)

- Nominations for maintenance safety improvements
- Nominations for contractors

**SAFETY, EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
GOING HAND IN HAND**

# HSE operational activity

HSE operational involvement - primary focus on:

- safety during maintenance activities;
- falls; isolation/PtW; heavy items; asbestos/DtM;
- industrial settings;
- including minor building maintenance work;
- applying normal enforcement criteria/expectations
- helping inform an overall assessment of the dutyholder's health and safety management arrangements

# HSE operational activity

## LEARNING FROM (other people's) EXPERIENCE VIA THE WEBSITE

- HSE Prosecutions July 2010
- HSE Notices (West Midlands) June 2010

QUESTIONS  
AND  
DISCUSSION