book reviews

High Glass

A new book, "Guidance on glazing at height" caught our attention, given the increasing use of access equipment for such work.

This is a superb publication, with 206 pages of facts and information glass and glazing in high locations such as facades, roofs, canopies etc...as well as glass barriers protecting against falls from high walkways.

The book covers the selection of glass for all these applications and more. It includes examples of risk assessments including forms you can use, the specific criteria to consider and even what sealants to use.

It also goes into long term factors, such as cleaning, maintenance and inspection requirements.

If you are a contractor involved with commercial glazing then this is definitely a book for your office



Guidance to glazing at height is a thorough guide to glass but short on lifting and accessing it.

bookshelf. It is also a handy reference volume for serious suppliers to the glazing trade, it will provide you with an excellent understanding of the challenges and risks associated with glazing at height.

In spite of its title, this book does not attempt to offer any detailed information or advice on lifting glass sheets into place or on safe access to the work for the installation teams. While this is a broad subject, I think that at least one chapter on the lifting of and access to glass in high locations would have rounded this book out perfectly.

"Guidance on Glazing at height" is published by CIRIA www.ciria.org

Essential Health & Safety guide

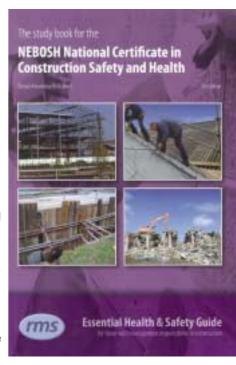
RMS has published a study book to be used with National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH) National Certificate in Construction. The book is an excellent guide to health and safety regulations.

ACT Associates Ltd, in association with RMS Publishing has released a Study Book for the NEBOSH certificate. While the book is intended to be used by those studying for the National Certificate, its 370 pages are packed full of information in a concise and easy to dip into format and would be a useful reference work for anyone who works within or with the construction industry.

The book, which is edited by John Lacey, is made up of 21 "Units" including a unit dedicated to Work at Height (Unit 8), Mechanical Handling/Lifting (Unit 13) and Risk Assessments (Unit 5). While the latest Work at Height Regulations are not included, the unit on work at height is still very comprehensive and covers the essential facets of the new rules.

The book meets the Employment National Training Organisation (ENTO) standards for health and safety at NVQ Level 3. ACT says that the book is also targeted at all those with management responsibility in construction.

The cost of this book is £39.95 plus £3.50 carriage. Discounts are available for a dozen copies or more, www.actassociates.co.uk



An essential health & Safety guide

Pocket sized lifting and rigging guide

The UK's Lifting Equipment Engineers Association (LEEA) has launched a new publication aimed specifically at personnel involved in the test and examination of lifting equipment.

The Lifting Engineer's Handbook is a 128-page, pocket size book that summarises the practical and theoretical information necessary to ensure test, verification and examination procedures are completed to the highest professional standards and in line with the latest UK regulations.

The book combines long-established best practice with relatively modern developments such as risk assessments and method statements. Specific subjects addressed include the principles of verifying equipment.

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The Lifting Engineer's Handbook is available direct from the LEEA with prices for non-members start at £20 (including postage and packing), discounts are available for larger quantities and for members of the LEEA. www.leea.co.uk

The Lifting Engineers handbook is a must for serious lift supervisors and appointed persons.



Dick Lloyd's book, due out next month, is entitled "40 years a salesman"

One to watch out for

We hope to have the long promised memoirs of Dick Lloyd to review next month, Dick Lloyd spent his life selling cranes and a few access platforms, largely behind the Iron curtain in what now seems a whole world away. Lloyd spent a large portion of his amazing career with Priestman, Coles and then Grove. Always a character, mildly eccentric his book promises to be a must-read.

Lloyd is accepting pre publication orders for the book which should be proofed and ready to dispatch in late July, priced £20 (including packing and postage). His number is 01548 531068