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Hello everyone,

Welcome to our final update of 2018. The last couple of months have been particularly busy for us - we've held several successful events and are already planning more for 2019.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Helicopter Safety Awareness course on Thursday 1st November, our dedicated Elected Safety Rep event at Aberdeen's Pittodrie Stadium on 7th November and the Step Change in Safety 'Share Fair' on 8th November at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

We are very grateful to all our Focal Points for their time and efforts over the past year. We very much value your support and enthusiasm. As always, we would like to hear from you at any time so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes for a lovely Christmas and a happy 2019,

The Step Change in Safety team.

1. Upcoming Events



Details of all our upcoming events can be found on our website. Places on all our courses and workshops can also be booked by following this link:

<https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/news-events/events>

Please note that the dates for all **Lifting Forums** and **Competence Forums** for 2019 are now fixed.

Competence Forum: 7th March, 23rd May, 5th September, 14th November

Lifting Forum: 20th March, 12th June, 18th September, 20th November

Places for all these dates are bookable **online**.

Coming early 2019.... Safe Working Essentials safety observation e-tool. Details to follow. For more information, please contact: richard@stepchangeinsafety.net

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“I’m a Safety Rep... get me out of here!”

online webinar

18th December 19:00

While we can’t promise you Holly Willoughby, or even Declan Donnelly, the webinar will be hosted by well-known local characters Jake Molloy, Bob Egan and Vicky Lamont who’ll be discussing how to connect with others, reviewing what 2018 has delivered and looking forward to 2019. The panel will also be discussing the good and bad points about being a Safety Rep.

Like our previous webinars, this latest event will connect you with workers on other assets and worksites across the UKCS.

“I’m a Safety Rep... Get Me Out Of Here!” would not be complete without some ~~Bush Tucker~~ TeaShack trials so please send your ideas for the webinar to Emily Taylor: emily@stepchangeinsafety.net

The event is FREE to attend and as always, your input is invaluable.

Please help spread the word about this webinar.



You can book your place here:

<https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/news-events/events/im-safety-repget-me-out-of-here-webinar>

2. Meetings



So far in December, we’ve held our joint work-group meeting which brought together members of all our workgroups to share knowledge and plan for the year ahead.

The newly-invigorated **WEST** (Workforce Engagement Support Team) work-group met on **Tuesday 11th December**.

Leadership Team meeting – mid-December

3. Safety Alerts and Moments – 2018 update



Step Change in Safety relies on its members to share lessons to help prevent the same incidents happening to others. These lessons can be submitted to us via two different mechanisms; Safety Alerts or High Value Learnings, depending on the potential severity of the incident.

Safety Alerts and High Value Learnings – what’s the difference?

A Safety Alert makes readers aware of equipment failures or incidents which could occur. A Safety Alert also highlights good practices which could be applied in the workplace. The message is always: “It happened to us, make sure it’s not going to happen to you!”

Safety alerts can be submitted directly through our website and we would encourage all our members to consider ‘sharing and learning’ in this manner:

<https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/#overlay=node/add/safety-alerts>

A searchable database of hundreds of incidents, including the old SADIE incidents, can be found at:

<https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/safer-conversations/safety-alerts>

High Value Learnings - *NEW FOR 2018*

To draw particular attention to incidents and near-misses with Major Accident potential, Step Change in Safety has created High Value Learnings.

These HVL incidents include:

- Fire, explosion or the release of a dangerous substance
- Events involving major damage to the structure of the installation or loss in its stability
- Any other event arising from a work activity involving death or serious personal injury

High Value Learnings use a set format.

Please contact Gillian gillian@stepchangeinsafety.net directly to discuss.

The Step Change in Safety Leadership Team is championing this sharing of valuable lessons. Share a lesson. Work together to make our industry safer.

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4. Major Accident Hazard Understanding



Have you seen the latest Major Accident Hazard Understanding pack?

Pack 3: Barrier maintenance, assurance and Verification, aims to:

- Understand how barriers are maintained and assured, who does this and when does it happen
- Understand what verification is, why it's important and who does it

Know what to do if a barrier becomes impaired or fails

The pack is FREE for use by all our members and can be downloaded here:

<https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/safety-resources/major-accident/pack-3-barrier-maintenance-assurance-and-verification-high-res-film>



For more information on the MAH group and resources, please contact Gillian Simpson, Programme Delivery Manager, at:

gillian@stepchangeinsafety.net or 01224 577278

5. Tea Shack News

The latest edition of "Tea Shack News" was published in the Energy section of the Press and Journal on Monday November 5th.

You can download a copy from our website at:

https://www.stepchangeinsafety.net/sites/default/files/Tea_Shack_News_November_2018.pdf

Over the past few weeks, we have been updating our distribution list and contact database. We currently receive 1000 hard copies from Aberdeen Journals which are then kindly distributed by the HSE.

If you are not receiving any hard copies and would like to be added to the distribution list, please let us know. Also, if the contact person for TSN or your address have changed, do send us an email so we can update our records.

We're grateful to all those who forward on the TSN link and/print off copies for their employees and colleagues. If you would like to know any more about TSN distribution, please get in touch.

GOT A GOOD STORY OR FEATURE FOR TEA SHACK NEWS? Send it to us, we'd love to hear from you.

For all questions, queries, and stories for Tea Shack News, please email:

kirstin@stepchangeinsafety.net



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6. Current Workgroups and vacancies

These groups are chaired by, and made up of, individuals from our member organisations:

- **Major Accident Hazard Understanding**
- **Safe Working Essentials**
- **Workforce Engagement (WEST)**
- **Safety Alerts and Moments**
- **Competence**
- **Human Factors**
- **Joined-Up Thinking**
- **Lifting Forum**
- **Helicopter Safety** - Step Change in Safety is also the secretariat for the Offshore Helicopter Safety Leadership Group (OHSLG) which brings together all the helicopter operators, oil and gas operators, trade unions and the regulator.

We currently have some vacancies across our workgroups and would actively encourage our members to get involved. All members of Step Change in Safety have the opportunity to join a workgroup which gives them, and their company, the chance to make a real impact on safety.

To find out more about joining a work-group, please contact: emily@stepchangeinsafety.net or any of the SCiS support team.

7. Step Change in Safety Social Media

Are you and your colleagues aware that all our news and events feature on our social media channels? Social media is a great source of constant interaction with us so make sure that you're following our various platforms and encourage your colleagues to give us a 'like' too!



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