

## **Changes to Health and Safety Law Poster - Arco Ensures Workplace Health and Safety Compliance**

Making the legal requirements for health and safety management interesting and engaging is key to raising awareness of its importance in the workplace. Research conducted by the HSE showed that the 1999 versions of the Health and Safety Law poster and leaflet were visually unappealing and rarely read.

The HSE commissioned a re-design of both the poster and leaflet in a range of formats as part of its commitment to make health and safety information more accessible. The new design was introduced in 2009 and employers were given five years to implement the changes in their workplace. The deadline of Saturday 5th April for all employers to display the new 2009 Health and Safety Law poster is looming and Arco, the UK's leading Safety Supplier is making sure that businesses aren't unknowingly caught out.

Employers have a legal duty under the Health and Safety Information for Employees Regulations (HSIER) to display the approved British Health and Safety Law poster in a prominent position in each workplace. The new 2009 poster offers businesses the latest safety information and also identifies 'changes in the law to reduce the administrative cost to employers of having to provide additional written information on the poster or with the leaflet, and having to keep this information up to date'.

In order to meet the new health and safety requirements, employers can now purchase a poster direct from Arco. A range of formats are available including specific posters for businesses in Northern Ireland, for those working on offshore installations as well as a Welsh language version.

Arco has also created a dedicated safety signs brochure that can be found on the safety resources section of its website. The brochure offers customers advice on suggested viewing distances, standards, colours and materials, as well as full list of products available.

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