



Craven Safety Services - October 2020 Newsletter

New HSE site visits

From 5 October HSE inspectors will be visiting sites across the UK to look at how dust is being controlled.



Do you know the risks and how to plan your work safely?
<https://press.hse.gov.uk/2020/09/24/health-and-safety-executive-cracks-down-on-dust/>

Draft Building Safety Bill

Last month we briefly covered the new Building Safety Regulator in our newsletter. We now have a guest article on our website by [Chris McGrath](#) on the Draft Building Safety Bill <https://cravensafetyservices.co.uk/draft-building-safety-bill/>.

1st Aid Renewals

FAW or EFAW certificates that expired after 16 March 2020 can remain valid until 31 October 2020 or 6 months from date of expiry, whichever is later. All requalification training for these certificates should be completed by 31 March 2021.

To qualify for the extension, employers must be able to demonstrate that:

- they have made every effort to arrange requalification training as soon as possible and can explain in detail why they have not been able to do so. For example, they must show evidence that staff with expired certificates are booked on to EFAW or FAW requalification courses, if requested by an inspector
- they have adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to give first aid to any employee who is injured or becomes ill at work
- the level of first aid cover provided remains appropriate for their particular work environment
- the level of first aid provision necessary in high risk settings is fully maintained, e.g. in construction, agriculture, engineering and chemicals

This guidance now applies to employers in England, Scotland and Wales.

If first aiders are unable to access annual refresher training face to face during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, HSE supports the use of online refresher training to keep their skills up to date.

Full details can be found on the HSE website [here](#).

Liz Brewster

Can everyone please change their contact details for Liz Brewster (formerly Liz Preston). Her email address is now lizbrewster@cravensafetyervices.co.uk.

