

Improving Health and Safety Performance in the Waste Management Sector

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What's the problem?

The Costs



- **Human costs**

 - 235 work-related deaths last year

 - 30,666 major injuries

 - 2 million people made ill by work

- **Economic costs**

 - £14 billion cost to economy*

 - £4.5 - £9.5 billion cost to business*

 - £4.5 billion cost to individuals*

*estimates

The Distractions



- “end of the consensus on health and safety”
 - Ban conkers
 - Hand rails on mountains
 - Fence the coast
- Claims Culture
 - An ever increasing rise in the numbers of claims
 - Increasing litigation for the trivial
 - Ambulance chasing

Health and Safety performance in the UK has reached a plateau in recent years

What purpose does HSE serve?

Revitalise interest in and commitment to H&S priorities

Work with industry and other stakeholders to further improve

Show that H&S **sensibly applied** benefits business, workers and the public.

HSE is no longer just the regulator

PSA Targets



Vision and Mission

HSC/E Strategy PSA Target

Targets

**Reduce ill-health,
injury and days lost
to workers**

By 2008 (from 2004)

3% reduction: fatal and major injury

6% reduction: ill-health

9% reduction: days lost

Control major hazards

By 2008 (from 2001)

5% reduction: nuclear precursors

45% reduction: hydrocarbon releases

15% reduction: onshore RIDDOR
dangerous occurrences

Directorates/Divisions



**Your targets: Protect
your human resources**

How to play your part

- Deliver your Targeted initiatives
- Senior commitment
- Worker involvement
- Action plans following baseline report
- Publicly available performance reporting
- Active/visible management of the plan
- It is working in other industries

**How is HSE working to
help you?**

More to do



- Strengthening Partnerships
- Reinforcing established success
- Innovating for new success
- Director's responsibility
- Worker involvement



Sensible Health and Safety

HSE – here to help