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Merry Christmas Merry Christmas



*This is the last newsletter of 2009 from Award Health & Safety. We would like to wish to all our clients and friends a Merry Christmas and a very Happy, SAFE, & Prosperous New Year as they say in Polish *Wesolych Swiat & Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku 2010.**

We hope you will be able to rest and relax over the festive season and that you will return to work in the new year with recharged batteries ready to face the challenges to come. Once again Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from us at Award Health & Safety



The News Business Excellence Award's 2009

'Award Health & Safety Ltd has been shortlisted in the "Small Business of the Year" category and some chap called Chris Ward has been shortlisted in the "Business Achiever of the Year" category'

Since the first event in 2003 The News Business Excellence Awards night has grown into the biggest celebration of its kind on the South Coast. In January 2009 over 450 local business people gathered at Portsmouth Guildhall, generating an electric atmosphere as dozens of trophies were awarded.

The 2010 event takes place at The Guildhall on 28th of January and the short lists for all categories have been announced and Award Health & Safety Ltd has been nominated in the prestigious "Small Business of the Year" category. The night will give local companies the opportunity to promote their corporate services to new and existing clients, in relaxed and enjoyable surroundings in a venue packed with figures from the business community, dignitaries, reporters and photographers.

Would you use a ladder like this?

Missing rungs and bent sides - these are just a small selection of the 'dodgy' ladders that have been surrendered so far under this year's 'ladder exchange'.

The exchange, led by the Health and Safety Executive, closes its doors on 31 December, so time is running out for businesses to trade in their old, damaged or broken ladders for some new ones

Run in conjunction with retailers, manufacturers and trade associations, the scheme offers businesses the chance to get their ladders checked and, where necessary, exchange them for new ones at a heavily discounted price.

In 2008/09 a total of 35 workers died and over 4500 employees suffered major injury as a result of a fall from height in the workplace. Many of these incidents could be avoided by using the right equipment and taking simple precautions. HSE is working in close partnership with industry to ensure that anyone involved in working at height uses the right equipment for the job and uses it safely. **Peter Brown, HSE said:**"We've had more than 900 ladders exchanged so far and we're keen for more businesses to make the most of the offer before the end of the month. If you take a chance with 'dodgy' ladders you are risking your life. So many of these accidents are avoidable and having safe equipment makes a huge difference. For more information please visit HSE website <http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm>



