

Network meeting – 1st July 2009, Metro Centre Shopping Mall (1pm-3:30pm)

**Attendees**

Kevin Watson – our host, and Technical Services Manager  
Ken Wanless - Food & safety advisor / Nebosh lecturer  
Michael McElroy - SHE manager & registered auditor, pharmaceutical manufacturing  
Stew Fullarton - Safety manager - aluminium manufacture & heavy engineering  
Tony Chamberlain - safety manager, metal work fabrication for large scale catering  
Richard Egginton - Metal panel fabrications for new build constructions  
Malcolm Craighead – Safety consultant, and Ocean Certification external auditor  
Jim Fraser - Fire safety trainer, Nebosh lecturer, and H&S advisor  
Ian Rienewerf – Safety advisor / Environmental & Quality systems

Metro Centre Shopping Mall



Ground anchor



Edge protection



**Site visit** - Kevin Watson (Integral) gave us a comprehensive tour of the roof areas supporting various service points used to supply the shopping mall with heating, air-con, extraction & ventilation. The refurbishment of the roof “skin” will eventually reduce the heating costs due to improved thermal insulation. The house keeping was impressive, with walkways and bridges over the pipes and parapets, and daily inspections to keep the place neat and tidy.

Back into the mall where the fire alarm zoning arrangements were discussed. It is only 30m to the nearest fire exit doors leading directly to outside, with robust security arrangements to prevent unauthorised access. We also walked along the underground escape routes, which can be used as a secondary evacuation option to reach a place of safety.

The new Odeon development and food court was looking good. Here we discussed potential for slips & trips, and the unfortunate claim culture we have in the world today.

We then retired to the boardroom for a coffee and a good chat.

**Updated UK legislation for 2009 includes:**

The Chemicals (Hazard Information & Packaging for Supply) Regs (2009 No. 0716)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/pdf/uksi\\_20090716\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/pdf/uksi_20090716_en.pdf) (N.Ireland S.I. No.238)

The Carriage of Dangerous Goods & Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regs

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi\\_20091348\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi_20091348_en_1) (S.I. 2009 No.1348)

The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (2009 No.890)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi\\_20090890\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi_20090890_en_1) (Scottish S.I. No.247 / N.I. No. 159)

The Control of Asbestos Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2007/20070031.htm> (Para 5 of S3 revoked by 2009/227)

**The Supply of Machinery Regs 2008** - scheduled to become active on 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

This will be significant for manufacturers or fabricators of machines and appliances.

The Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (S.I.2008 No.1597)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi\\_20081597\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20081597_en_1)

**3:20 pm – Close of meeting**

**Next meeting** - Will be at a Morpeth pharmaceutical factory / or Alcan - in early September.

This will leave November open for our final 2009 site visit / or network meeting venue

Ian Rienewerf 2nd July 2009