

# CAPITA SYMONDS



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## Assess Your Risks

Take 3 minutes to assess your risk with our pin point tool



## Company News



ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL



We are pleased to announce that **TaylorMade Golf Ltd** have signed a 1 year Platinum+ contract and **St John's Hospital** have signed a 1 year Platinum contract with Capita Symonds Health & Safety and Environmental Services to provide their H&S.

## Stories

### Marks and Spencer fined for £1m for asbestos breaches

Marks and Spencer has been fined £1 million and ordered to pay costs of £600,000 for breaches of health and safety rules over asbestos removal. [Read more here.](#)

### School Prosecuted over Caretaker Incident

A Shenfield School has been prosecuted and fined after their Caretaker fell from height while at work. [Read more here.](#)

### Putting profits before safety leads to jail

An external Fire Risk Assessor and a Hotel Manager have both been jailed for fire safety offences. [Read more here.](#)

### Falling Palet Injures Worker and Leads to Fine

Linden Foods has been fined £25,000 over an accident which left one of its employees with serious head injuries. [Read more here.](#)

### Recycling Company Fined for Legionella Exposure

A recycling company has been fined £600 and ordered to pay full costs of £8,577 at Merthyr Tydfil Magistrates' Court. [Read more here.](#)

## This month, our Consultant in focus is...

### Graham Myatt Dip2.OSH, MIIRSM, CMIOSH - Senior Health and Safety Consultant

Graham has been part of our team since 2008. He is Midlands based, working UK wide.



#### Why did you choose a career in H&S?

When, having spent many years in heavy engineering, and having seen some serious accidents, I was given an opportunity to pass on my knowledge and experience in an Engineering College, I took the challenge.

#### What areas of H&S do you specialise in?

Risk management in engineering and manufacturing environments

#### What are the main issues you come across when visiting clients' sites?

Many clients need assistance with risk assessments and the development of practical risk management systems. Some are concerned about how to implement a pragmatic safety management system and comply with the plethora of H&S laws. It is a satisfying day when you leave their premises knowing they are going to sleep better that night.

#### What is your view on the way H&S has been portrayed by the media?

Some overly-cautious reactions to low risks have led to some "conkers bonkers" decisions in recent years; which the media has rightly picked up on. However, H&S precautions (interpreted and implemented by competent safety practitioners) are necessary to protect people from serious injury and ill health. They are not designed to overburden employers or stop children having fun.

#### What H&S Law would change?

Most H&S Laws are necessary and were introduced for good reason. Many lives have been saved over the years and fatality rates are continuing to fall. However, not all laws are applicable to all employers; therefore clear guidance on the interpretation and implementation of relevant legislation is essential.

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