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New phonetic alphabet to solve compliance issues

Following an assessment of UK legislation, the phonetic alphabet has been transformed to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of 21st Century Britain.

Analysis by the Human Rights Directorate of DBHS (Death by Health and Safety) revealed that 'yankee' and 'zulu' are derogatory terms and contravene the Race Relations Act 1976. 'Foxtrot', 'golf' and 'tango' were deemed to be middle-class pastimes and alien to railway workers conversant with contemporary sub-cultures.

With assistance from the Lesbian Theatre Workshop of Brixton, a cross-industry subgroup has developed new phonetic definitions which will be included in the next issue of rule book section G(i). These are:

| | current | new | | current | new |
|----------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| A | alpha | alley-bat | N | november | ninja |
| B | bravo | bangin' | O | oscar | onion-booty |
| C | charlie | chilaxin' | P | papa | pimp-daddy |
| D | delta | diggity-dank | Q | quebec | queen-bee |
| E | echo | e-class | R | romeo | ripnut |
| F | foxtrot | fo' shizzle | S | sierra | skank |
| G | golf | ghetto-bird | T | tango | thizang |
| H | hotel | home-sillet | U | uniform | ugachucka |
| I | india | iced-out | V | victor | vogues |
| J | juliet | jigga | W | whiskey | whoobangin' |
| K | kilo | krunk | X | x-ray | xavier |
| L | lima | lil-buddy | Y | yankee | yadidamean |
| M | mike | moms-duke | Z | zulu | zebedee |

To ease training requirements, introduction of the new alphabet will be phased-in over two years. From June 2007, staff whose surnames begin with letters A-G will use it for all safety critical communications, whilst implementation for other groups will occur at six-monthly intervals thereafter.

Depot briefings are to be carried out by DJ Smackya Bitchup and will include a downloadable gangsta-rap.

Recommendations follow workplace incident

An investigation into a scald injury suffered by a DHBS employee has recommended that a protocol is established for the preparation of drinks.



Chairperson Eliza Dolittle found that the newly-recruited teaperson was using a straw to suck boiling water from a kettle rather than pour it directly into the cup. She had been assessed as competent in beverage supply but not issued with the requisite flame retardant PPE (pictured left).

The report requires all catering areas to be fitted with panic alarms and HSE-approved kettles, limited to room temperature. Sinks will be supervised by lifeguards to mitigate any risk of drowning. Warm drinks may only be consumed with the help of a suitably qualified mentor.

Research highlights risks from excessive workload

Swiss-based research bureau Lotza Munituberne PLC has discovered the cause of symptoms exhibited by some DBHS managers.

During the afternoon brow-mopping fiesta, staff have reported an involuntary reflex action involving the deep exhalation of carbon dioxide, accompanied by a watery secretion from the lacrimal gland.

It was concluded that the workload of these managers is unduely excessive. DBHS has agreed to extend the daily holistic massage period as well as providing individual dormancy podules, an 18-hole golf course and team of hands-on sexual therapists.



Standing room only at Ergonomics Symposium

The morning session of DBHS's sixth annual Ergonomics Symposium featured an impromptu 'posture workshop'. Seating at the venue - the Les Dawson Centre for Contortion in Budleigh Salterton - was only fitted with 2.08 centimetres of cushioning foam, outside the requirements of DBHS's backside protection policy. As a result, 470 chairs were immediately incinerated.



Delegates were asked to devise a range of alternative seating solutions. Some chose to think 'outside the box' but soon came back in when it started raining. One enterprising group hired a bouncy castle but this had to be deflated as the volume of hot air in the main hall was already above statutory limits.

During the afternoon, the scheduled game of musical scatter-cushions was restricted to three minutes because of the potential for Repetitive Strain Injury. High tea was lowered to ensure nobody fell off.

Following her return from the Furniture Shack autumn sale, logistics co-ordinator Harmony Haresprey told delegates that DBHS "won't stand for poor ergonomics - we'll sit down instead. Staff should insist on the optimum office environment and, if this is not forthcoming, they should carefully bang their fist on the desk, but not so loudly as to disturb anyone."

For further information, please contact **Harmony Haresprey, Logistics Co-ordinator (Cushioning Protocols)** on **0898 123139** or email **harmony.haresprey@slumberland.uk.org**.

Notional Initiative team shows progress

A project to determine whether safety performance is compromised by a lack of action continues to produce positive results.

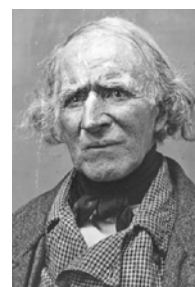
DHBS's Notional Initiative team is remitted to consider a broad range of safety issues but do absolutely nothing about them. So far it has been a resounding success and not once caused the importation of risk onto the operational railway.



Please do not attempt to call the team as they are not authorised to answer phones. However a viewing portal has been created on the fifth floor between the high-dependency unit and the taxidermists. From here visitors can watch team members stroke the office cat, refill the water cooler and restrict the flow of air to their lungs (see picture above).

DBHS Staff Spotlight Lord Steadfast of Evergreen - Protector of the Rules

Lord Steadfast of Evergreen joined the railway in 1842 as assistant to Sir Polyester Breeches, chief architect of the Euston 'Farsical' Railway which involved two trains running in opposite directions on a single circular track.



In 1878 Steadfast headed the quality management team for the construction of a river bridge near Dundee, designing an audit protocol for the iron castings. Author of Ye Olde Rule Book, he has since been responsible for documenting the origin of every safety instruction and ensuring continued compliance.

An accomplished banjo player and rampant homosexual, Lord Steadfast still has divine authority over the rules and is required by statute to wrestle the sponsor of any change proposal.

Please contact **Lord Steadfast** using the séance facilities next to the Spiritualist Chapel.