



HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

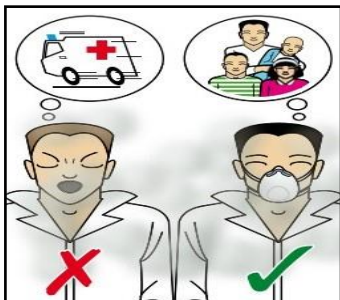
Is your mask protecting you?

Why don't you wear a mask?

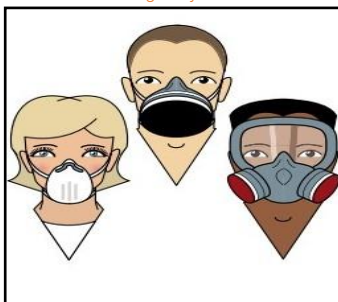


You should be fit tested and involved in choosing your mask. Different types of mask are available. Change filters regularly.

Not wearing a mask can make you ill or even kill you.



Check it! Check your mask before you put it on. Then do a fit check – for a proper fit each time.



Keep your mask fitted until you leave the work area or are sure the air is clear. Always wear your mask, even for quick jobs.



Employees are responsible for taking care of their own masks.

Please let the office know if you require new filters or replacement masks.

What's Behind the Rising Cost of Cable?

Anyone involved with the wire and cable industry will have noticed the steep price increases of copper and other raw materials over the last year. But what are the reasons for this?

The price of **Copper** increased by 22% in 2020 and analysts predicted that 2021 would see a record high for this material. These price increases are due to factors such as China's economic recovery from the pandemic, sustainable green energy stimulus, and supply disruptions. China's rising industrial production along with aggressive sustainable energy initiatives accredits the country to being the highest consumer of copper in the world. Europe, the U.S., and China all have strenuous renewable energy initiatives to sustain greener economies and a need for copper's highly thermal and electric conductivity to help them get there. The biggest copper producing countries such as Chile, Peru, China, and the U.S. struggle to meet the high demand for countries to meet their green economy initiatives, therefore playing a role in sky-rocketing the price of copper. Chile, the world's leading exporter of copper, has had a hard time keeping up with demand due to surge in

miners falling ill to the coronavirus and their companies facing labour union strikes. Analysts say, "Of all the metals used in the generation, transmission, storage, and consumption, copper remains the common denominator. Electricity generation, transmission infrastructure, energy storage, and consumption all require copper."

According to the European Copper Institute, world-wide copper consumption is predicted to rise more than 40% by 2035.



HSE Crackdown on Dangerous Dust

HSE inspectors are preparing to visit more than 1,000 construction sites over the month of October to check safety standards relating to dust. Their main focus will be the protection measures in place for workers from exposure of dust, particularly from silica, asbestos and wood. Spot checks will be carried out on all types of sites, from small domestic refurbishments, to major commercial new-builds. Inspectors will check to see if work has been planned and designed with safety measures to protect workers. Inspectors will also check for any other health and safety breaches when they visit. Around 100 times as many workers die from diseases caused or made worse by their work than are actually killed in construction accidents.

New Materials Information Code Launched

In the wake of testimony at the ongoing public inquiry into 2017's Grenfell Tower fire, the Construction Products Association (CPA) has developed a code to ensure transparency over building products. Named the **Code for Construction Product Information (CCPI)**, it is based on the principle of clear, accurate, up-to-date and accessible product information and is aimed at preventing another disaster.

Responding to the issues raised in Dame Judith Hackitt's 2018 report on building safety, conclusions were made that an overhaul was required of the way construction products were tested, presented and marketed. The new code consists of 11 clauses which product manufacturers who sign up will agree to abide by. The clauses cover critical aspects from responsibility for product information to transparency regarding performance, proof of stated claims and general information and competency. It will be run by Construction Product Information Ltd, a newly established, not-for-profit organisation.

- Clause 1.** A Manufacturer must have in place a documented sign-off process for creating Product Information.
- Clause 2.** A Manufacturer must have in place a formal version control process for all Product Information.
- Clause 3.** A Manufacturer must not use misleading or ambiguous wording, phrasing or imagery and must embrace the use of plain English to ensure accurate representation of Product Information and performance claims.
- Clause 4.** A Manufacturer must provide valid and demonstrable documentation where claiming compliance to, or achievement of, any Certification, Classification, or Industry Standard.
- Clause 5.** A Manufacturer must provide specific documentation when making any product performance claims which are outside of Certification, Classification or Industry Standard tests.
- Clause 6.** A Manufacturer must make available on their webpage the descriptive and physical characteristics of the Construction Product.
- Clause 7.** A Manufacturer must have a documented process ensuring all changes affecting Product Information resulting from changes to the Construction Product are identified and reflected in revised Product Information.
- Clause 8.** A Manufacturer must publish and make easily accessible, on their webpage clear Product Information, where applicable, on handling, installation, operation, maintenance, and disposal of Construction Products.
- Clause 9.** When making any claims of guarantees and/or warranties, the Manufacturer's webpage must state what is covered, excluded, and required to comply with its terms. The guarantee/warranty should be transparent, and in a format recognised by the relevant sector of industry.
- Clause 10.** A Manufacturer must ensure technical helpline contact details (telephone and/or email) are visible and accessible on their webpage.
- Clause 11.** A Manufacturer must have in place a robust training programme (for new and existing personnel) to ensure that anyone conveying Product Information is competent to the level of knowledge required for their role.

The most listened-to songs by UK electricians revealed!

IronmongeryDirect has revealed the most listened-to songs by UK tradespeople, with some surprising results. **Closer** by **The Chainsmokers** is the most popular song amongst electricians, followed by **Kiss Me More** by **Doja Cat** and **Good 4 u** by **Olivia Rodrigo**.

The top ten most listened-to songs by UK tradespeople are:

1. **Back in Black** – AC/DC
2. **Dreams** – Fleetwood Mac
3. **Sweater Weather** – The Neighbourhood
4. **Africa** – TOTO
5. **Highway to Hell** – AC/DC
6. **Thunderstruck** – AC/DC
7. **PTT (Paint The Town)** – LOONA
8. **Pumped Up Kicks** – Foster the People
9. **The Less I Know The Better** – Tame Impala
10. **good 4 u** – Olivia Rodrigo

The most popular song for each UK trade is:

- Builder:** Pumped Up Kicks – Foster the People
- Electrician:** Closer – The Chainsmokers
- Joiner:** Back in Black – AC/DC
- Plumber:** Highway to Hell – AC/DC
- Plasterer:** Nimbasa CORE – plasterbrain
- Painter Decorator:** PTT (Paint The Town) – LOONA
- Landscaper:** Avont Gardener – Courtney Barnett
- Carpenter:** Blinding Lights – The Weeknd
- Bricklayer:** Building Steam With A Grain Of Salt – DJ Shadow

Message from the MD...

I'm pleased to say that our office refurbishment is now complete. Special thanks go out to those of you who worked on it. We now have welfare facilities large enough for our requirements. Please familiarise yourself with the new layout and fire exit on your next visit to the office.

Chris Brealey carried out the testing at Mead House using new software: **Eazycert**. This software is advertised as very simple and easy to use and the ideal tool for producing professional electrical certification. The software is set up to use on the iPads and I hope a lot of you will have tried it already.

I'm optimistic that, by the time you read this newsletter, the panic buying at petrol stations will have settled down. I'm sure you will all have done your best to keep our sites as unaffected as possible. Please continue to plan your trips well, avoid unnecessary journeys, keep the vehicles topped up efficiently and share transport with your co-workers whenever possible.

Derriford Hospital continues to keep us very busy. We are currently working on some temporary modular office accommodation, but expect to start the refurbishment of **FAL Ward** soon and **Moorgate Ward** after that. On the same site, but not part of the main hospital, we also expect to commence works at **Brittany House** in the coming weeks. We have undertaken quite a few small projects at the **University of Exeter** recently and similar work continues to trickle in from them. **Aldi** main stores have been incredibly busy for the last two months and are only now starting to taper down as we head into the slightly quieter winter months, whilst **Project Fresh** still has a couple busier months ahead. We expect to start one, possible two more **Sainsbury's** convenience stores this year, with a further two scheduled to start in the new year as soon as we return from Christmas.

Best wishes,

Matt



The new kitchen at Mead House

Is your work vehicle clean?

A van was recently returned to the office in a less than tidy condition. Although it appears to be a build-up of rubbish over a period of time and therefore likely to be more than one perpetrator, keeping the company vehicles in such a condition is unacceptable. Employees are responsible for ensuring that the vans they are using are kept clean and tidy. A vehicle should never be handed over to a co-worker or returned back to the office in a bad condition. Everyone should treat company vans with respect and allow all colleagues to travel in a clean environment. Throw away your own rubbish, do not expect someone else to do it for you.



**Don't be dirty.
Please clean up your own mess!**

Celebrating 10 years as a red rock employee...



The legend that is Aaron Palmer!

RRE Sponsors local football team

Exwick Villa FC play their home games at the Exwick Sports Hub on Saturday afternoons. The team recently beat their local rivals Aliphington 4-1 and sit top of the table in the Devon Football League North & East Division, at the beginning of October. Red Rock's **Conor Saunders**, **Nathan May** and **Dan Luxton** are all involved with the team and we wish them good luck for the rest of the season.



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Office Closes: 12pm
Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Xmas Party:
Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Office Opens:
Tuesday 4th January 2022



WE'VE BEEN USING AIRBNB FOR A WHILE NOW... HERE'S SOME OF THE FEEDBACK RED ROCK HAS RECEIVED.

"I'm speechless how responsible, clean and mature this group has been. I found the house spotlessly clean. I wish all Airbnb guests were like these two. God bless their good character. I wish I could host you again and again. I envy the people you live with."

"Aaron and Alfie looked after our caravan very well and left it nice and clean. The organisation of their stay by Red Rock Electrical was efficient and seamless with excellent communication."

"Thanks for choosing Norbury Guest Apartment again!
Feedback from our cleaner: **after the guys checked out, I didn't have to spend too much time cleaning, as the guests left the place in a neat and tidy state. Thank you.**
Good communication from Izzy prior to the guys checking in and would welcome the guys and Red Rock Electrical company back anytime!"

"Emma booked my place for her colleagues - Jeremy and Huw and they were a pleasure to host. They left the house really clean and tidy and I would definitely be happy to welcome them to my place again."

"Absolutely perfect guests and wish we could host them all the time! Thankyou!"

"A super, super company to deal with. An excellent experience with lovely guests. Highly recommended and thank you Red Rock!"

"The guys from Red Rock were the perfect guests."

"What can I say... The perfect guests I have ever had. I would highly recommend any future host to have them stay."

"Steve and Max were great guests. They worked night shifts leaving and returning at odd hours. They were so thoughtful and quiet we scarcely knew they were around. They left the space sparkling. I would highly recommend them to any host and welcome them back here any time."

"I had a couple of electricians staying for work locally - probably the cleanest I have ever seen the place! All rubbish even bagged thoughtfully. Thank you so much."

"We could not have a better gentleman staying with us. Delightful person, very easy going. We enjoyed having him. Hope he will come back this way again."

"We were so pleased with how respectful these guests were. They were great at communicating at every step of the way. They left our house in an immaculate condition and even cleaned up after themselves before they left. We would definitely welcome them back again. Perfect guests!"