

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	Company-wide	ARTICLE YEAR	2006
ACTIVITY:	Occupational Health	COMPANY:	Hanson Aggregates
SUB ACTIVITY:	N/A	COMPANY LOCATION:	Wetherby Regional Office, West Yorkshire
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TITLE

Raising noise awareness in the workplace

ARTICLE

The three northern regions ran employee-led initiatives to raise noise awareness in the workplace.

The Scotland and Cumbria area ran a training session highlighting the consequence of not looking after your hearing, while the safety representatives from the North West and North Wales used a PowerPoint presentation. Yorkshire and the North East area ran a poster competition open to employees and their families. The winning posters in each category were displayed in the workplace and, as an extra incentive, the winners also received a gift voucher.

The safety representatives then combined these projects to create a regional training and awareness package, which was delivered during their site safety meetings to coincide with the European Week of Safety. The benefits of this were:

? It helped to drive home the message about the dangers of noise in the workplace, and communicate key points to employees about occupational health

? It raised the profile of the safety representative and allowed them to have a more proactive role in safety

? By allowing the safety representatives to take control of a project and research their own materials, they were able to broaden their knowledge and experience.

ARTICLE IMAGES