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Compass UK & Ireland HSE

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MPOX COMMUNICATIONS

As you may have seen through recent media reports, the World Health Organization has recently announced that Mpox is a public health emergency of international concern. **Please note:** the overall risk to the UK population is assessed by the NHS as being low. However, we are providing this additional information to ensure that steps are taken to further reduce any risk to our colleagues, clients, and customers.

What is Mpox?

Mpox is a rare viral infection mostly found in Central and West Africa. It is usually a mild illness with most people recovering within a few weeks. Although more people have recently been diagnosed, only a small number of people in the UK have Mpox. It can spread through close physical, skin-to-skin contact and sexual intercourse. It's also possible that sharing items such as bedding and towels, can pass the infection from person to person.

Control Measures

- Colleagues performing cleaning and waste disposal from overnight accommodation areas (not patient accommodation), should wear non-sterile disposable gloves, a disposable apron and face mask ffp1 or equivalent. Always remove these and wash your hands between tasks. These should then be disposed of after use through the correct waste route.
- When handling used bed linen, towels and clothing, these articles should then be bagged (along with your PPE), without being shaken or handled in a manner that may disperse infectious particles.

For information on controls and symptoms visit the [NHS Website](#) (UK) and [Ireland HSE Website](#) (ROI)

REPORTING FOOD SAFETY INCIDENTS

There are three types of food safety incidents: alleged food poisoning (AFP), alleged foreign body and alleged allergen incidents. For all incident types it is important that detailed information is collected, that the relevant incident form is completed, that the incident is logged on AIR3 in a timely manner. The completed incident forms and any additional information, such as a temperature records, photos of a foreign body, allergen information etc. must be uploaded onto AIR3.

For alleged food poisoning incidents, you should provide information and records for the full journey of the implicated food(s). This could include delivery, storage, cooking, cooling and/or reheating temperature records as well as methods of cooking, cooling, reheating, service etc. The AFP Incident Form has been updated to include a detailed questionnaire. Your HSE Sector Lead or Regional H&S Manager will be able to provide guidance on whether and in what detail this needs to be completed.

Alleged allergen incidents must be reported to your HSE Sector Lead or Regional H&S Manager immediately. The relevant form must be completed and uploaded with supporting documentation, such as copies of the allergen information, recipes or specs, product labels, booking information etc.

We discussed Foreign body incidents in detail in last months update so we won't cover that again, instead we wanted to touch on Food Quality incidents. Quality issues such as undercooked food, mould, spoilage or incorrect labelling should be logged on AIR as food quality incidents. Ensure you collate any information which you think might assist in an investigation, such as photos of the food or label, statements and contact details from customers etc. and then upload this to AIR3 under the Food Quality Incident Reporting Form

KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

If you have children, many of you may have waved them off for the new school year and hoping they do the best they can do and achieve their dreams. However, many of you may still have younger children who are still at home and yet to realise their dreams. They have also still to learn about hazards and risks in the world, the odd bumps or scrapes are part of growing up. They are how we learn about the world around us. As parents we accept this: but we won't accept the tragic consequences of life-changing accidents... sadly, accidents involving children continue to devastate lives with that under-5 particularly at risk.

On average, half of under-5s attend A&E every year following an accident that didn't have to happen. But it doesn't have to be like this. By getting down to our kids' level and seeing the world through their eyes, we can spot dangers, and help to keep them safe. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, whom we are recipients of their prestigious awards scheme, have put together some materials to help parents and families keep their kids safe at home. Please click on the link below to get further advice and information on keeping your kids safe at bed-time, bath-time, meal-time, play-time, general home safety, out and about and prevention of specific hazards such as burns and scalds, choking, drowning, falls, poisoning and asphyxiation. [RoSPA Keeping Kids Safe](#)



TAKE HOME SAFETY



Safety In Numbers - August 2024

Information and Statistics Apply To All Compass Group UK&I Units



Safety Incidents

Hazards & Near Miss Incidents:	501
Injury Incidents:	239
Total Recordable Incidents:	37
RIDDOR Incidents:	08



Food Incidents

Alleged Food Poisoning:	25
Foreign Bodies (In Unit):	12
Foreign Bodies (Supplier):	05
Substantiated Allergies:	01
Enforcement Visits:	84



Top Injury Types

Slips, Trips and Falls	225
Burns and Scalds	66
Cuts	58



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Safety Reminders



- Need help with accessing the AIR3 system and reporting an incident? Watch our new videos on the [AIR3 Page](#) now.
- Have you visited the updated and refreshed [Workplace Safety Management System](#) page of the website? The page is now easier to navigate with Safety Task Cards consolidated and links to the subheadings at the top of the page.
- If you haven't done so in the last 3 months remember to complete your Quarterly HSE Record which be done on the manual form or via the link or QR code on the HSE Website, just visit the [Continuous Improvement page](#) of the website for more information.