

# Saving spree



“It’s not worth tackling health and safety at national level”

Wrong. It’s estimated that Britain can save billions every year if we spend time and energy on getting health and safety management right. As we start some serious belt-tightening, we can’t afford to ignore these savings:

- Employers could save up to **£7.8 billion**
- Individuals could save up to **£5.12 billion**
- The economy could save up to **£22.2 billion**

## How can we do it?

IOSH is calling on the government to:

- 1** show businesses how managing health and safety can dramatically cut costs – as well as saving billions for the public purse
- 2** make sure the latest national austerity measures don’t damage people’s health or lead to accidents, creating fresh costs
- 3** reverse the decision to axe the HSE’s advice line – last year, the Infoline took a quarter of a million calls and its loss will deprive small businesses of vital free support
- 4** remove tax disincentives for employers offering physio and other therapies to help get people back to work quicker
- 5** encourage improvements in health and safety – and bottom line cost savings – through promoting strong leadership and greater corporate transparency from directors
- 6** make sensible risk thinking – ‘risk intelligence’ – part of every curriculum, from primary education through apprenticeships to professional training

IOSH believes that as well as saving the economy billions in lost output, national healthcare and state benefits, we’d bring the work death toll down, and save thousands from leading blighted lives. Find out more at our Li£e Savings campaign page at [www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings](http://www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings).



# Cash back

“Health and safety is a waste of money for my business”

Wrong. Countless companies have found that investing in good health and safety actually saves money, to the tune of millions.

- E.ON saved nearly **£12 million in just one year**
- AstraZeneca saved an estimated **£5 million in one year**
- Glasgow City Council saved **£4.5 million in a single year**
- Rolls-Royce saved around **£11 million in three years**
- Transco saved about **£4.5 million in four years**
- Huntsman Petrochemicals saved **£250,000 in a year**
- Barts and the London NHS Trust saved **£217,000 in one year**
- Chilled foods producer Uniq saved over **£100,000 over three years**

## How do they do it?

Find out how IOSH members at six different businesses improved health and safety as well as saving serious cash at [www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings](http://www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings).

## How can you do it?

- 1 Track how much you're losing to poor health and safety management – use the free tools available in IOSH's resource file at [www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings](http://www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings)
- 2 Use the same tools to work out how much good health and safety management could save your business
- 3 Tap into the expertise and experience of health and safety professionals – you'll get advice on how to protect profits as well as people
- 4 Find out how inexpensive and straightforward health and safety can be by looking at what other organisations are doing or talking to your trade body
- 5 Make use of free guidance and resources by visiting websites like IOSH and the HSE, and make sure you take advantage of tax exemptions – find out more at [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/taxrules.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/taxrules.pdf)
- 6 Create an action plan for your own business and commit to seeing it through

IOSH knows that on top of saving thousands or even millions, you'll help keep your staff safe, healthy and productive and your business competitive. Go to our Life Savings campaign page at [www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings](http://www.iosh.co.uk/lifesavings) where you'll find free resources, case studies and more.

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