






# Technical Bulletin No: 4-2014



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Use By and Expiry Dates on Consumable Items</b>		
<b>Priority</b>		Amber – Audit Rating: Opportunity to Improve / Non-Conformance-Minor	
<b>Legislation:</b>	PUWER, HASWA S.6, The General Product Safety Regulations 2005		
<b>Brief Description:</b>	During SafeHire audits a range of consumable items are found to be ‘out of date’ and questions are asked regarding use and disposal of such items. In addition consumables mounted to off-hire equipment are stored for re-use.		
<b>Kit Affected:</b>	Abrasive wheels / discs, PPE items e.g. Hard-hats, safety harnesses / lanyards, chemical fixing / anchor supplies, nailgun gas / fuel cells and similar products.		
<b>Images:</b>			
Used discs returned on off-hired equipment saved for potential re-use.		Expiry date or code should be stamped as below. V01/2002 = Use By January 2002	
			
Expiry date – V10/2005 = October 2005		Hard hat – expiry 09/2006 – September 06	
			
<b>Recommended Actions:</b>	<p>Review stock holdings, dispose of out-of-date consumables safely i.e. to prevent re-use. Some suppliers are able to re-certify expiry dates on discs and abrasive wheels which may be appropriate for higher value items. Contact your supplier for more information. Discs that are out of date <b>should not</b> be re-sold or discounted. Used discs removed from returned equipment should also be disposed of safely even if in-date as their condition and use is unknown.</p> <p><b>note:</b> some hard hats have a date stamp for date of manufacture as does work at height equipment e.g. Harness &amp; Lanyard. As before contact your supplier for further advice on life expectancy and use-by dates.</p>		
<b>Notes:</b>	<p><a href="http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Man-ordered-pay-pound-7k-selling-16-year-old-tyre/story-13753149-detail/story.html">http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Man-ordered-pay-pound-7k-selling-16-year-old-tyre/story-13753149-detail/story.html</a> Prosecution example for out of date stock</p>		
<b>Circulation:</b>	Warehouse, hire counter, workshops, management team		

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