## **National Inspection Day - Joint Statement**

The Wednesday of European Health and Safety Week has been designated "National Inspection Day" when all health and safety representatives are asked to inspect workplaces.

One of the main functions of a safety representative is to carry out workplace inspections. This is a simple process but is very important.

Inspections do more than just help identify potential hazards, they also show staff members that the CWU and Royal Mail are taking health and safety responsibilities seriously.

Workplace inspections help prevent incidents, injuries and illnesses. Through a critical examination of the workplace, inspections help to identify and record dangers, hazards and risks for corrective action in order to control and eliminate them and so avoid accidents, injuries and ill health.

Joint Health and Safety Committees can discuss issues identified and take reports back as well as jointly monitor inspection reports and progress of remedial actions.

All CWU Area Health and Safety Reps and Royal Mail Group Safety Health and Environment Team Advisors are urged to work jointly together, support National Inspection day and regular Inspections going forward.

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