

HEALTH AND SAFETY NATIONAL LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT

**Tuesday 11
June 2013**

**A meeting will be
held in the House
of Commons from
1pm to 3pm in
Committee Room 14**

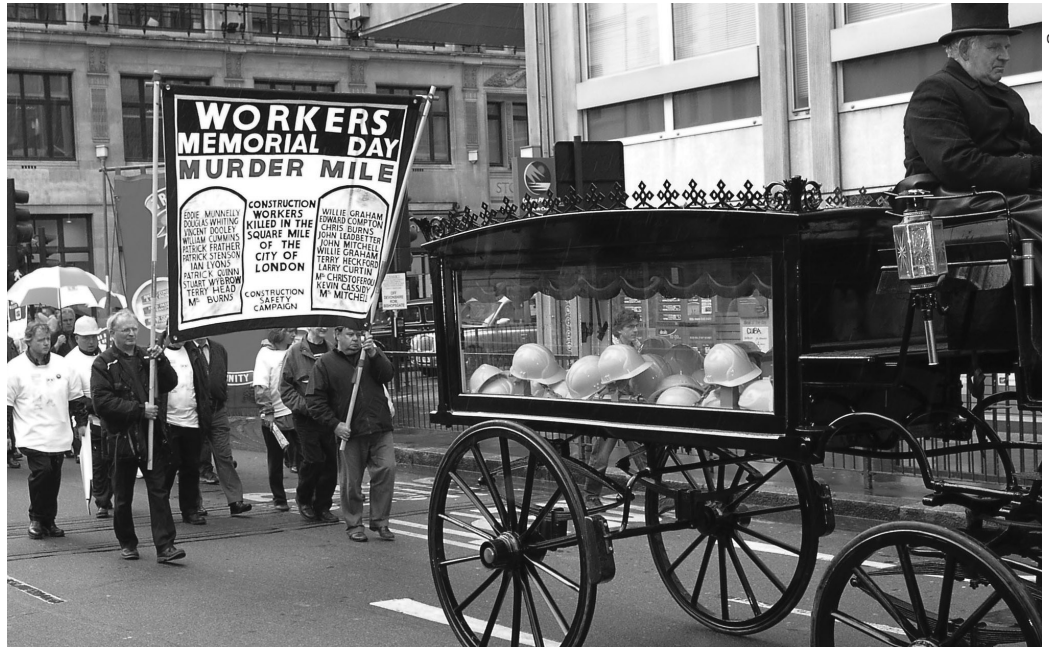


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END ATTACKS ON WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please show your support by attending this lobby

Last year the Prime Minister David Cameron said his New Year's resolution was to "kill off the health and safety culture for good" calling it an albatross around the neck of British business. The Government have denigrated health and safety and rolled out deregulation of vital laws at top speed. They:

- Have cut the budget of the Health and Safety Executive reducing the number of independent inspections of workplaces and the numbers of prosecutions for breaking the law.
- Abolished the Crane Registration Regulations and Head Protection Regulations.
- Intend to replace the Approved Code of Practice of the Management of Health and Safety Regs replacing it with guidance.
- Removed section 47 of the Health and Safety at Work Act reducing employers liability for breach of statutory duty.
- Propose to stop some self-employed from being covered by the Health and Safety at Work Act.
- A Mesothelioma Bill to ensure victims receive payments where no liable employer or insurer can be traced, first promised by the Labour government, will not cover all those dying from asbestos related lung cancer and other occupational diseases.

- They have ignored all arguments that good safety provision acts to prevent serious injuries, disability, disease and saves lives. They are just not bothered.

The position of New Labour must change as no major opposition has come from them. In some cases Labour has acted to support these attacks. Labour must support our demands in parliament and they must become part of any election policy. If elected they must reverse the damage done by the coalition government, rescind the attacks and instead strengthen health protections for workers and their families.

Many British companies make huge profits from clothing produced in Bangladesh where lack of safety regulation has killed over 1,100 workers in the recent Dhaka Plaza Rana factory collapse. Governments cannot stand idly by and we must support the demands of the Bangladeshi trades unions. We must force the UK government to withdraw from all their attacks on health and safety.

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