

Joining the British Safety Industry Federation

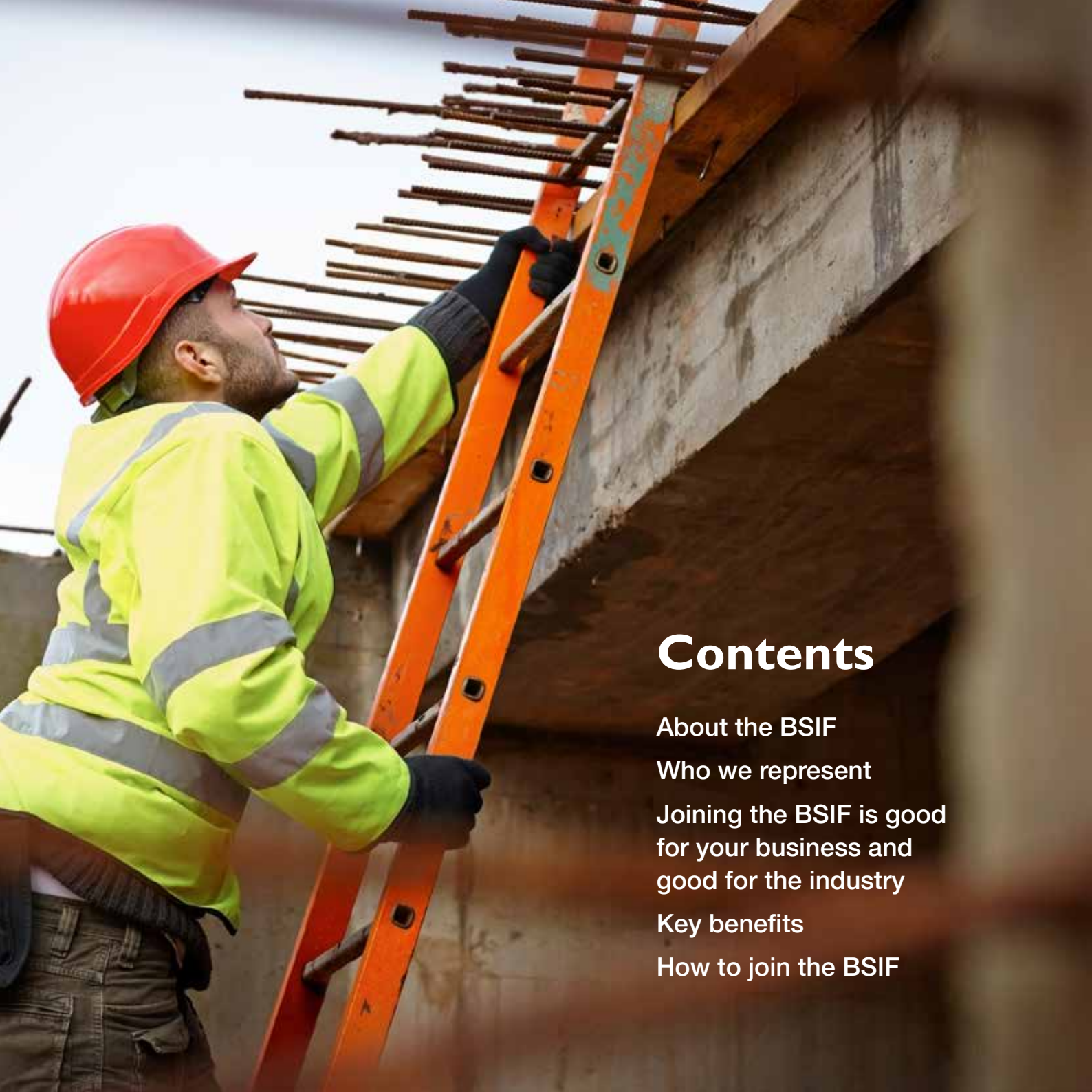
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About the BSIF

The British Safety Industry Federation is the major independent voice for the UK safety industry, providing authoritative information on a range of workplace safety issues and representing the needs of the UK market, our members and the country's work force.

It is our mission to support all businesses in the UK who help to keep people safe and healthy at work. We are passionate that safety and health is universally recognised for what it is – a positive force for good.

Recognised as a Competent Authority by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the principal association for the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulation, we ensure the needs of the UK safety industry are shared. Our active input across Government departments puts us at the forefront of influencing legislation.

Our work with Government enforcement agencies, standards making authorities, safety equipment manufacturers, distributors, users and sector associations makes certain we are leading the way in educating and advising on topical industry issues that affect worker safety and health.

Be part of our movement. By choosing to become a member of the BSIF, you are recognising that health and safety is a force for good. You are making a commitment to keeping workers safe and healthy and partaking in the active effort required to make sure this happens.

The tools provided through membership, including access to the Registered Safety Suppliers Scheme (RSSS), BSIF Associations, Product and Working Groups that implement change across the industry, are an invaluable resource, giving you true competitive advantage.



Alan Murray

BSIF CEO

Who We Represent

The BSIF represents manufacturers, distributors and service providers of products and services within the safety, health and environmental markets. Membership ranges from large global organisations to small medium enterprises, all of whom are offering a variety of health and safety products and services. Ultimately, the safety of the end user is further protected through the support of the Federation.

BSIF members are given the opportunity to be at the forefront of their markets, with a strong voice in influencing decisions. Each Association, Product and Working Group within the Federation has its own strategy and purpose, all supporting the overarching objective to maintain intelligence and be an active, leading voice in safety, health and environmental safety markets.

Currently the Federation runs the following Associations and Product Groups:

Associations

Safety Distributor Association: Allows distributors to discuss common issues and promote their interests. The focus is on the education and training of customer facing staff to achieve externally recognised qualifications and better inform end users as a result.

Test & Certification Association: Represents the Notified Bodies appointed to determine that a product complies with Personal Protective Equipment regulatory

requirements and ensures there is a co-ordinated approach for implementing any legislative changes.

Product Groups

BSIF Product Groups bring members together to develop and progress market themes and initiatives aimed at resolving common issues and providing up to date intelligence on the market, its standards and the regulatory requirements. The groups include:

- Head Protection Product Group
- Eye & Face Protection Product Group
- Hearing Protection Product Group
- Respiratory Protection Product Group
- Protective Glove & Clothing Product Group
- Safety Footwear Product Group
- Skin Protection Product Group
- Height Safety Group
- Spills Containment & Control Group
- Export Group

Working Groups

The Working Groups are developed from actions identified at the Product Group meetings. They are tasked with gathering information and providing guidance to formulate industry wide campaigns and initiatives that not only raise awareness, but also improve long term health and safety.

Joining the BSIF is good for your business and good for the industry

The BSIF has recently launched its strategic review which strengthens its purpose in supporting businesses to keep people safe and healthy at work through enhancing the quality of safety products and suppliers. With this, the Federation strives to further educate commercial operators in supply to the market, develop standards and share expertise, continually rebuilding the image of safety and health as a force for good.

Be Credible:

Distinguish your company from your competitors and demonstrate your commitment to customers

Joining the BSIF and being a member of the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme (RSSS) demonstrates your commitment to the industry in showing that you belong to a reputable, recognised trade body.

Be Informed:

Guidance on industry issues and regulatory reform

With the constant evolution of the safety industry, the BSIF provides a centralised hub of information for members seeking advice on standards and legislation changes. Relationships with leading industry and external organisations ensure members are well informed on such changes and understand how they affect individual businesses.

Be Involved:

Influencing standards development, lobbying and representation

BSIF membership provides an opportunity to voice your opinion and get it heard, working with other companies in the industry to enact change that could include standards making or legislative reviews, therefore improving the market and your business.





“ Membership of the BSIF has enabled BTTG Certification to be active within the industry and to be in regular contact with similar companies. This has allowed us to improve the flow of information, increase our knowledge and have a great input into the future of the industry – a real benefit.”

Kevin Warren, BTTG Certification

Be In Demand:

Involvement in Federation activity

The Registered Safety Supplier Scheme (RSSS) is designed to ensure that end users are only supplied with compliant, effective PPE. Companies displaying the scheme's logo have signed a binding declaration that the safety equipment they offer meets the appropriate standards, fully complies with the PPE regulations and is appropriately CE marked showing that members have gone beyond the basic requirements of product testing.

The Fit2Fit Fit Test Providers Accreditation Scheme is designed to confirm the competency of any person performing face fit testing, created in collaboration with the HSE and other stakeholders. This has been created to significantly reduce the incidence of occupational respiratory disease.

We strive to implement initiatives that tackle the latest industry issues. Ahead of time, our members are provided with all of the information required to be involved, ensuring full compliance.

Be Ahead:

Latest industry news updates

The BSIF keeps its members up to date with the latest industry issues including EU market changes through a number of platforms that include the website, App, newsletter, Twitter and regular contributions to leading trade publications.

Members are advised on how to deal with any issues to ensure that they are in keeping with requirements and changes.

It is imperative to us to truly represent the general consensus of the safety community and therefore our members are regularly updated on developments.





“The advice and guidance that the Federation disseminates on the entire European PPE market – including latest news, issues and changing legislation – is critical to processes at Ejendals. The membership body is always encouraged to talk to one another, ensuring we are sharing best practice and are all at the forefront of our markets.”

Martin Stevens, Ejendals

Be Connected:

Access to events, legislators and regulators, positioning your business

By working closely with other industry stakeholders and safety equipment users, the BSIF and its members can work together to deliver enhanced safety messages and opportunities to develop the market, further enhancing market positions individually. Increase contacts and connections with like-minded companies through a number of events organised by the BSIF.

Be a Growing Business:

BSIF campaigns, Safety Awards, publications' discounts

- The BSIF develops and promotes a number of industry wide campaigns such as Clean Air? - Take Care!, Fit2Fit, It's In Your Hands and Listen Today Hear Tomorrow and members are encouraged to take advantage
- Enhance your company's reputation by entering the BSIF's prestigious Safety Awards, recognising excellence within the safety industry
- Maximise publication and trade show discounts offered to BSIF members

Be International:

Export support

The BSIF runs an Export Group to enable overseas business to be extended. By working with the UK Trade & Investment Government Department (UKTI), the BSIF is able to assist members in looking for export options, from attending exhibitions to sourcing local market knowledge. We are also able to administer grants on behalf of the UKTI /Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) as a Level 3 Trade Challenge partner.



Benefits Large and Small Businesses

- Ability to join RSSS – a growing requirement for end user assurance only available through BSIF
- Advance insight into legislation and PPE product standards
- Ability to influence future safety product standards
- Involvement in UK market awareness activities with HSE and other stakeholders to increase business opportunities
- European and UK market knowledge
- Independent advice on safety legislation and guidance
- Advice and guidance on the new PPE regulations
- Supply chain advocacy
- Access to publicly recognised PPE qualifications for your staff (SSA)
 - Improved customer assurance through your enhanced knowledge base
 - Differentiates your business from those selling PPE as add-ons
- Exhibition support with marketing activity and cost reduction
- Network opportunities with companies of a similar ethos, peers and customers
- Access to database of UK distributors
- Access to database of manufacturers across different product groups
- Access to PPE trends – what is happening and end user requirements
- Interaction with European and Global manufacturers
- Promotion of your brand to distributors
- Export support and utilisation of grants



“The BSIF membership provides us with an information resource essential to us as a distributor and our wider customer base. We are able to talk with confidence on the latest end user requirements and training needs and this knowledge has become a relied upon service that our customers expect.”

Peter Barcoe, Resmar.

How to join the BSIF

The BSIF membership is an assurance to end users and demonstrates a strong commitment to your customers' safety. As such, our members adhere to strict criteria.

How do I join?

Becoming a member is easy. All you need to do is:

- Call us on 01442 248744 or complete the membership application form online, <http://www.bsif.co.uk/join-bsif/>
- Submit your application form
- Let the BSIF do the rest

The BSIF's membership manager can offer support and guidance at every step of the journey.

Cost

BSIF membership is based upon the size and turnover of your company.

The financial benefits of good safety and health practices are more widely documented than ever before on the HSE website, across a variety of media platforms and on company websites. In the same regard, instances of safety and health failings are more becoming even more widely reported. It has never been more important to be ahead and informed.

Can you afford not to join?

For further information or to discuss how you can enjoy all of these membership benefits and more, please contact the BSIF direct.

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