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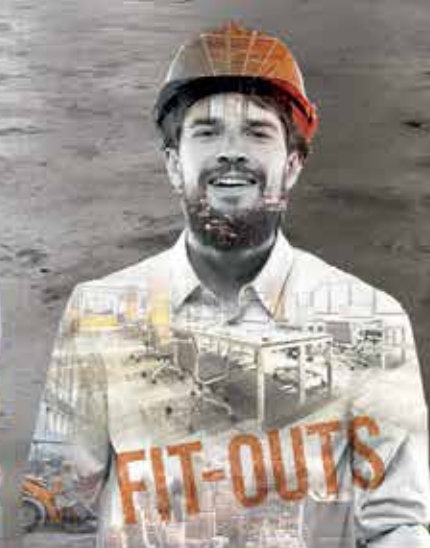
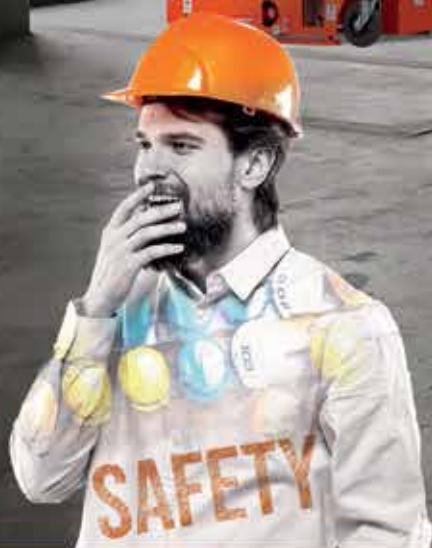
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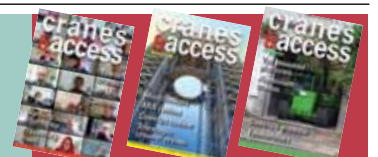
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Masked outcomes

Over the past four months we have all faced major disruptions to our lives, both at home and work. If you run a business you will have faced the additional challenge of plotting a route through a crisis where little is known and the rules change almost daily. As if this were not complex enough, we are all having to adopt practices that would have been inconceivable six months ago.

The attitude towards the wearing of face masks has been an enlightening and surprisingly divisive example. In countries such as Japan and China, wearing face masks in public is not uncommon, and considered polite if you have a cough or cold. In Europe - particularly the UK and North America - the USA, the initial advice was not to wear one, on the grounds that the virus can pass through a mask. It was also stressed that bacteria thrive in its damp atmosphere, posing a health risk. This was partly intended to prevent greater shortages of masks for those working in the health and care sectors.

The advice has gradually switched to a point where masks are legally required in an increasing number of situations, the argument has also changed so that, while a mask might not stop the virus entering it can help stop you projecting the virus onto others, thus playing a significant role in preventing it from spreading.

Mask wearing has become a heated, even political issue in the UK and the US, running along already divided lines. However, the legal requirement to wear protective equipment is not a new thing. Seat belts and crash helmets are commonplace, while most job sites require the wearing of hard hats, protective boots and Hi-vis vests.

While these safety items are intended to protect the wearer they also protect others, a point often missed.

Take working at height, for example. We have all taken a risk, usually at home, standing on the top rung of a rickety step ladder or climbing onto a roof to change a bulb or cut back an overgrowing plant.

Taking such a risk once, with a healthy dose of fear and care, is one thing, but doing it routinely - as some companies do - is like playing 'Russian Roulette', sooner or later the chamber will have a bullet in it. When it does, it is not only the person taking the risk that is affected. They may land on someone else, injuring or even killing them. They may suffer a gruesome injury as they land next to a sensitive soul who is then traumatised for life. Most fallers also have a substantial number of dependents, from children and partners, to a wider circle of family, friends and colleagues. All of whom will be seriously affected.

Others, such as suppliers, if a piece of equipment is involved, or clients are all impacted.

So, remember this when wearing your mask - it's not all about you!

Mark Darwin

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