



Home Shopping Trial Van

Dear Colleagues,

During November 2013 GMB and ASDA formed a Joint Manual Handling in Home Shopping working group.

The aim of this group was to review manual handling practice both existing and proposed in order to identify and control risks through design, training and process.

During this consultation we visited and reviewed a number of stores and home shopping centres throughout the UK. We spoke with many members to identify what concerns you have within home shopping.



One of the key concerns you raised was the loading and unloading of the Home Shopping Vans. GMB discussed these concerns and recommended a lower van which would ease the loading and unloading issues.

I am happy to announce that during the ASDA GMB National Health & Safety Forum meeting on 22nd January the company have taken this on board and have progressed this to a trial upon a newly designed van.

The van has been designed to lower the goods area thus reducing the need for cumbersome steps and poor manual handling during the loading and unloading process.

GMB will be closely involved throughout the trial which is to be undertaken at a number of locations around the UK.

We will be speaking with GMB members to gain your views.

Yours Sincerely

Keith Dixon

Mick Rix

Keith Dixon
Chair – GMB ASDA National Health & Safety Forum

National Officer

Your National Health & Safety Representatives

Chair	Keith Dixon	07917 674706	keith.dixon00@btinternet.com	London Region
Secretary	Hugh McInally	07971 539228	hugh.mcinally@gmail.com	Wales & South West Region
Vice Chair	Ben Cook	07703 778299	bencook086@gmail.com	Midlands & East Coast Region
	John Warcup	07946 316747	john_chunky@hotmail.com	Northern Region
	Cath Willis	07582 197231	cath_willis@hotmail.co.uk	North West & Irish Region
	Angie Jones	07830 819633	amj61angie@gmail.com	Birmingham & West Midlands Region
	Jean Bruce	07513 746553	abbiebr37@gmail.com	GMB Scotland
	Catrina Goldhammer	07948 398746	goldcat63@gmail.com	Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region