



Welcome to our monthly newswire designed to keep you informed of the latest issues. Please contact us if you have any questions. Remember, we're here to help.

### **Recessions brings increased stress in the workplace**

The economic slowdown is forcing employers to increase their efforts to deal with stress among employees, according to the 2010 IRS stress management survey.

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### **New rules to ban employers blacklisting union employees**

Legislation banning employers from blacklisting workers because of union membership or activities unexpectedly came into force on the 2nd March.

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### **Government consults on Employers' Liability Insurance Bureau**

The government has announced a consultation which could lead to the creation of an Employers' Liability Insurance Bureau, a fund of last resort similar to the Motor Insurance Bureau for the victims of workplace accidents.

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### **HSE publishes new advice on handling asbestos**

The Health & Safety Executive has released updated advice on the correct procedures for dealing with the safe removal of asbestos.

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### **HMRC offer advice on fraud emails**

HMRC are warning taxpayers to be vigilant as there have been several reports of scam emails offering a tax repayment. Taxpayers should not respond to any email promising a tax repayment.

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### **Unfair letting agent renewal fees should be scrapped**

Unfair letting agent renewal fees should be scrapped, according to the National Landlords Association (NLA) as it welcomed a court order secured by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) against a High Street letting agent.

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### **OFT recommends shake up in how homes are bought and sold**

A shake-up in how homes are sold, including updating legislation to allow new entrants into the market, could lead to a better deal for house buyers and sellers, the OFT said today.

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### **House price watch**

Your home may well be one of your major assets. Even if you are not planning on moving in the near future, it is always a good idea to keep abreast of the latest changes in the housing market.

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### **Lowest number of household owners recorded since 1991**

Rental rates rise According to the English Housing Survey 67.9 per cent of English households own

their home, the lowest percentage since 1991.

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### **Vehicle scrappage**

The Vehicle Scrappage Scheme is a voluntary scheme for motor dealers under which participating dealers give buyers a £2,000 discount off the purchase price of a new car (or certain types of small van) in exchange for scrapping their old qualifying vehicle.

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