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Almost 5 years after the explosion at Buncefield, 5 companies were handed hefty fines totalling nearly £9.5 million (Inclusive of costs). Along with severe weather causing flooding across the world, it's been a summer of incidents attracting attention in the world of business continuity.

Hello there and welcome to our 2nd newsletter. Accidents do happen, however, from a Health & Safety (H&S) perspective, fines for offences have risen significantly in recent years. 2 of the 5 companies involved in Buncefield were relatively small, nevertheless handed fines of £1.5k each. With the introduction of H&S Acts recently, companies can face unlimited fines/management imprisonment for up to 2 years. Clearly, businesses must effectively manage the risks they create, ensuring they have procedures in place to mitigate against them, monitoring progress.

The major floods in both China and Pakistan this summer has left millions of families affected and thousands sadly perishing. Dams are at breaking point, not surprising when an unprecedented 312mm of rain fell in a less than a day in Pakistan. No one has the power to stop these incidents from happening, however, everyone should have plans in place when they do, as do, they will.

We in the UK have not been immune to flooding events. I experienced several incidents during my time in retail across Yorkshire and the Midlands over the past few years. This entailed firstly mobilising a predetermined team representing critical functions, either remotely or in a control room. Then Sandbags, water, toilet and washing facilities were all deployed supporting the areas affected. Finally, once the water had subsided, mop up and recovery procedures kicked in. Not only did we have to clean up the residual mess left behind, but also plant machinery, IT hardware and key documents were all affected and in need of restoration.

On a personal note I have been kept very busy continuing to develop the business, networking with colleagues at various events, attending conferences and preparing for autumn lectures. In fact, I am looking forward to presenting my experiences on 'Severe Weather' at the BCI London Forum in October and on 'Talking the Language of Business' at Cranfield University as part of their Resilience Programme course in November.

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