# HAVERHILL AT WORK

## *Health and Safety*



**HMP:** ***"There were three or four nurses on duty twenty four hours a day. There were often fall injuries because the floors were wet and greasy and cuts with the guys in the butchery who worked with knives that were razor sharp. Towards the end they got rid of the nurses and got more first aiders. Initially it was almost like going to hospital."***

**Project:** ***"The paint sprayers used to have milk given to them daily which was one of the things that they always did to help their lungs with breathing in the fumes."***



**Addis:** ***"The machines in the filling shop were over the decibels for working safely so it was recommended that we wore ear protection. I think there will be lots of old boys wearing hearing aids. It was surprisingly noisy."***



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**Addis:** ***"Health and Safety got better over the years because of legislation. I can't remember hardly any accidents. We had a lot of first aiders. We used to go to Cambridge to do industrial first aid training. You used to get paid extra for being a first aider."***

**Hille:** ***"There was a fairly serious accident. A young chap got caught up in a drilling machine. He was wearing some loose clothing and the machine wasn't adequately guarded."***

**Rubbolite:** ***"I went to a reflexologist about pain in my shoulder and she said she saw lots of people from Rubbolite who were using the presses."***



***"Health and Safety was a joke. When I look back I did take some chances but you were young and didn't worry. But I must say that as time has gone on, the finest thing to happen to the building industry was Health and Safety. There are no two ways about it, there were many deaths from falls and asbestos."***

**Atterton & Ellis:** ***"I remember a bit of Health & Safety that went wrong. I was changing some fluorescent tubes in the welding shop and the ladder wasn't long enough. Someone said 'What you doing up there, boy?' and I said 'I'm changing some tubes and I can't reach!' He got hold of the ladder and said, 'Hold tight! Can you reach now, boy?' I tell you, I changed the lights but I did it pretty quickly."***

**What are your experiences of Health & Safety at work?**

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