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## THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SAFETY, HYGIENE AND HEALTH PROTECTION AT WORK.

The European Council designated 1992 as the European Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work. In order to boost awareness around the Year and in particular on Health and Safety in the Workplace, Thames Television is going on the air between 21st September and 1st October with a series of health and safety programmes.

These programmes, which have been co-financed by the European Community, are designed to reveal some of the high standards set by companies in the field of health and safety across Europe.

The cameras of film producer Simon Buxton and director Susanne Rock visit, amongst other places, Sweden, where bus drivers are treated in a way that would be the envy of their colleagues back in London; Denmark, where dustmen are videoed and a plastic pipe factory with a social conscience is discovered; Holland, where safety in construction sights is checked out; Ireland, where women take up the safety initiative on the farm and as safety reps.

A copy of a Thames Television free booklet (produced in association with the EC), on what can be done in the workplace to help improve the health and safety of workers, can be obtained from Thames Help, PO Box 2LP, London W1A 2LP.

For additional information on the European Health and Safety Year, contact Michael Pillinger at the London office of the European Commission on 071-973 1992 (direct line 071-973 1911).

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