

# A crisis of enforcement

You are invited to the launch of a new Centre for Crime and Justice Studies publication 'A Crisis of Enforcement' on Tuesday 17th June 2008 in Committee Room 9 of the House of Commons from 4pm to 6pm.

Speakers:

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**Neil Hope-Collins**, Prospect HSE branch chair

**Richard Garside**, Director of the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

**Steve Tombs**, Liverpool John Moores University  
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**David Whyte**, University of Liverpool  
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Chaired by **Katy Clark MP**

This new report estimates and examines the under-reporting of deaths and injuries caused by work. It compares these figures to Home Office statistics on violent crime and argues that the chances of being victimised by death or injury at work are far higher than being the victim of recorded inter-personal violence. Yet deaths and injuries at work are treated quite differently to the crimes of violence dealt with by the police. The Health and Safety Executive is faced with further declining resources and a consequent inability to meet the challenge that it faces. This briefing provides an analysis of this crisis of enforcement.

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**What gets defined as crime and what doesn't - and who gets to decide - are predominantly political questions. The *What is crime?* project at the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies hopes to create a space for critical thinking about such questions and the advantages and limitations of 'criminalising' and 'decriminalising' particular events or incidences.**

