

RICS Risk!

isurv - The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors information service for surveyors - which we pay to have access to for staff and students - is showing very limited usage figures. This is, of course, an essential source for accreditation - but in the light of tightening budgets, every resource has to prove itself!

You may wish to refresh yourselves with what it has to offer and/or direct students to the relevant sections. You can get to it from our 'Databases' link on the Library homepage (search for "isurv") or go directly to <http://www.isurv.co.uk>

Although, as with much RICS electronic delivery, it is rather clunky, there is a wealth of information



there - try the resources listed on the right of the screen under your speciality from the subject headings on the top band.

The library online reading lists will allow for links directly to material, which may be another way of encouraging use. Please get in touch if you would like assistance in setting this up, or just let us have the reading lists and we'll do the work for you!

Some of the benefits of isurv:

- provides a core training resource for surveyors
- offers best practice knowledge you can apply to assignments
- save time in finding business critical information
- latest law and best practice
- constant source of guidance for CPD
- access to guidance from over 150 experts on surveying

Access to:

- new rules of measurement & SMM7
- a large case law database with commentary from experts
- practical guidance from over 150 contributors
- model letters, forms, precedents and checklists
- new editions of RICS Red and Blue Books
- RICS publications such as the *Case in Point* series
- relevant RICS Guidance Notes
- RICS Information Papers
- RICS Practice Statements

We have off campus access to the service, and the password can be found on the off-campus access page:

<https://servicedesk.port.ac.uk/library/access/index.php>

If you don't want to try and remember the password or that link, you can click on 'Off campus access' on the Library homepage (bottom right of the screen). You'll need to login which is your usual University login and password.

Hoping you can find a few moments to explore and please let me know if you have any suggestions,

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Industrial Design

The global design journal study and rankings have now been published online at Design Studies.

Gemser, Gerda, Cees de Bont, Paul Hekkert, and Ken Friedman. 2011.

"Quality Perceptions Of Design Journals: The Design Scholars' Perspective." Design Studies. DOI:

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