



# BFM Update



The Association for British Furniture Manufacturers

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## Business Links

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## Business Opportunities

### 25 club chairs

required in dark brown leather – preferably not buttoned – of 3 heights (approx. 15 to 18 inches)

If you are interested please contact:

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A Jersey-based company wishes to purchase mid-range quality sofas, chairs, foot stools, dining chairs etc., (the larger the range the better). Primarily, the Company wants items to be covered in its range of fabrics and would require a number of showroom pieces from which to take orders - goods to be delivered to shipper in Southampton. Ideally, the Company is looking to develop a good trading relationship with one supplier.

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## Absence rates

As we are in the midst of the World Cup when absence rates may rise, you may want to benchmark your company generally against average rates in UK industry.

Chartered Institute of  
Personnel Development  
Absence survey 2009

Average  
working  
time lost per  
year

Average  
days lost per  
year

business

%

All employees

Manufacturing/production	2.9	6.5
Private sector	2.8	6.4
Public services	4.3	9.7

Manual employees

Manufacturing/production	3.3	7.6
Private sector	3.1	7.1
Public services	5.3	12.1

Non-manual employees

Manufacturing/production	2.0	4.5
Private sector	2.4	5.5
Public services	3.7	8.5

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