



Asbestos for Operatives Training

Product summary

Background

Approximately 3,000 people die each year in the UK as a result of asbestos related diseases. By 2020, this is expected to peak at 10,000 deaths a year.

Recent research shows that 25% of the deaths from these diseases are in people who have spent some of their working life in the building and maintenance trades. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with adequate control of asbestos containing materials.

Training operatives in asbestos awareness may help prevent the risk of accidental fibre release.

Summary

This facilitated interactive discussion between the consultant and delegates involves practical and theoretical content and examples. On completion of the course, delegates will be able to take their practical experience back to the workplace and use it within their own areas of responsibility.

Training methods include the use of discussion techniques, pictures, text and film to demonstrate the hazards of working with asbestos and asbestos containing material including practical examples of where asbestos can be found.

The training course will increase operational staff awareness to the possible presence of asbestos in buildings and the associated health hazards, to help minimise the risk of accidental fibre release.

The workshop is designed to provide only an introduction to the subject. Further guidance, training and/or specialist help may well be required before duty holders are able to fully comply with the duty to manage asbestos. This course is not a substitute for the training that is required for work with asbestos containing materials (ACMs) as identified in The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006.

Objectives

The training gives delegates:

- The facts about asbestos
- Knowledge of ACMs, their potential locations and why asbestos was used in buildings
- Awareness of the health hazards from asbestos
- Knowledge of activities that can give rise to asbestos fibre release
- Awareness of the key legislation that applies to asbestos
- Awareness of working practices to prevent asbestos disturbance and exposure to asbestos dust.

Features

- This course is based around a half-day session for up to 15 delegates with either one half-day session per day or two half-day sessions on the same day at a reduced rate
- The product stands alone but a similar half-day management awareness course is also available.

Benefits

- Provides awareness of legislation that applies to asbestos
- Increases staff awareness of the presence of asbestos and the consequences of asbestos disturbance both in term of health and the business interruption during expensive clean up operations
- Raises awareness of safe working practices to help minimise potential disturbance to asbestos containing materials
- Complements an organisation's asbestos management plan and can be used to increase asbestos awareness amongst staff including maintenance operatives
- Improves the ability to identify hazards and risks.

Duration

Half-day.

Provider

A fully trained and experienced Zurich Risk Management Consultant.

Format

Facilitated workshop/training course.

Where this would be useful

In tandem with the Asbestos for Managers Training or for any organisation looking to raise awareness among staff about asbestos risks.

Who is it aimed at?

Estates managers, building services and maintenance staff at the operational level.

Case studies/quotes

Zurich was brought in by an organisation after a number of incidents where staff were exposed to the risk of inhaling asbestos spores following maintenance work. The course raised awareness with staff as to why they had to follow the policies and procedures to avoid being exposed to asbestos spores.

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