



In – House Training

ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002 (COSHH) regulations, employers have a legal duty to provide adequate control of employees' exposure to harmful substances in the workplace.

Asbestos is a highly hazardous substance which causes serious ill-health to anyone who disturbs it. It is because of the highly dangerous nature of asbestos that anyone who is likely to disturb or come into contact with asbestos in their work must have an awareness of the correct health and safety procedures to follow.

Category 'A' Asbestos awareness training helps workers to understand the risks associated with the material enabling them to avoid work that may disturb the substance. Our in house Asbestos Awareness course provides a comprehensive introduction to the dangers of working with asbestos and helps employers to comply with the law by ensuring that their workers are appropriately trained thereby being able to work safely.

It must be stressed that any worker who plans to carry out work which will knowingly disturb asbestos requires a higher level of training, (Category B or C) which is not supplied by this course.

This course does not allow you to work with asbestos containing materials but is focussed upon the identification (where possible) on asbestos containing materials and how to control work in areas where they may be present.

The course content covers:

- What is asbestos? Where is asbestos found? Why was asbestos used? Types of asbestos and the ill-health effects.
- The Law - the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, duty holder and employee responsibilities and asbestos surveys.

- Asbestos Containing Materials - friability, controlling exposure, asbestos related diseases, smoking, Workplace Exposure Limit, respiratory protective equipment and health surveillance.
- Emergency Procedures, what to do if illness occurs, fire procedures, what to do if a hazardous substance is released and what to do if there is an asbestos leak.
- Risk Assessment - identifying hazards, deciding who may be harmed, evaluating risks, recording findings and reviewing and updating the risk assessment.

By the end of this course delegates will:

- Recognise why asbestos containing materials can be harmful and should to be treated as a hazardous substance.
- Recognise the ill-health effects that asbestos can have.
- Recognise the measures needed to eliminate or reduce the risks from asbestos.
- Understand what the responsibilities of employers and employees are under health and safety law.
- Recognise the necessary emergency procedures.

The duration of this course is: Half a day.

Assessment

The assessment is taken on completion of the training and consists of a multiple choice question paper. Delegates who achieve 80% and gaining a pass will be presented with a Graham Howard Consulting certificate of achievement which is valid for three years.

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