ASBESTOS AWARENESS (CATEGORY A)

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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This Asbestos Awareness (Category A) course is designed to help workers understand the risks associated with working with asbestos so that they can avoid work which may disturb asbestos and cause ill-health. Asbestos is an incredibly hazardous substance and anyone that is likely to disturb asbestos containing materials in their work must have an awareness of the correct health and safety procedures.

Asbestos Awareness training ensures that workers have sufficient knowledge to work safely. (Note that any workers who plan to carry out work which will knowingly disturb asbestos require a higher level of training, which is not supplied by this course. This course does not allow you to work with asbestos containing materials).

Module One: Introduction
This module provides an introduction to what asbestos is, why it was used and where it can be found in today's buildings. The module also looks at the different types of asbestos and ill-health effects that they can cause.

- What is asbestos?
- Where is asbestos found?
- Why was asbestos used?
- Who is affected by asbestos?
- Types of asbestos
- Ill-health effects

Module Two: The Legal Framework
This module outlies the legal responsibilities that employers and employees have in regards to their health and safety when working with asbestos. The module also covers the types of asbestos survey.

- Benefits of addressing health and safety
- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- Duty holder responsibilities
- Asbestos training
- Employee responsibilities
- Management surveys
- Refurbishment and demolition surveys
- MDHS 100

Module Three: Risk Assessment
This module explains how to undertake a risk assessment, outlining each stage of the process, before beginning any work with potential asbestos containing materials.

- What is a risk assessment?
- Identifying hazards
- Deciding who may be harmed
- Evaluating risks
- Recording findings
- Reviewing and updating

Module Four: Asbestos Containing Materials
This module looks at the reasons why asbestos is so harmful to health, explaining the idea of friability and presenting possible control measures to ensure workers remain safe from harm.

- ACM risks
- Friability
- Controlling exposure
- Asbestos related diseases
- Asbestos and smoking
- Workplace Exposure Limit (WEL)
- Respiratory protective equipment
- Health surveillance

Module Five: Emergency Procedures
This module explains the Health and Safety Executive's advised emergency procedures for work with asbestos, including information on what to do if someone falls ill, if there is a fire or if a hazardous substance is released whilst at work.

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- What to do if injury or illness occurs
- What to do in the event of fire
- What to do if a hazardous substance is released
- What to do if there is an asbestos leak

Aims of the Training

By the end of this course learners will:

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

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