



# Asbestos Awareness Training for Contracting Trades

## Friday 18 June 2010

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently warned employers exposing workers to asbestos that they would be penalised. This follows the HSE prosecution of an electrical contractor in West Bromwich for failing to ensure that adequate information, instructions and training was given to its employees. It added that "electrical contracting companies and other building refurbishment trades must provide suitable asbestos awareness training to all employees or face prosecution".

The number of asbestos-related workplace deaths exceeds the figure of deaths in road accidents but many workers, particularly tradesmen, think that they are not personally at risk of exposure to asbestos or the diseases it can cause.

Today asbestos still presents a real and relevant risk to plumbers, joiners, electricians and many other maintenance workers as it may be present in any building constructed or refurbished before the year 2000. It is estimated that around 500,000 non-domestic buildings could contain asbestos and these buildings all need repair and maintenance work from time to time but when the asbestos fibres are disturbed, for example by drilling or cutting, they are likely to be inhaled as a deadly dust.

**The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 (CAR) increased the requirement placed on employers to train any person who may be exposed incidentally to asbestos during their work. It is estimated that 1.4 million people who carry out maintenance in addition to electricians, plumbers, carpenters, construction workers and many other trades who work on the fabric of buildings and the associated plant may be affected.**

**The Duties under the Regulations are explicit and require provision of 'Asbestos Awareness' training to a minimum standard. That being:**

- the health risks caused by exposure to asbestos
- materials that could contain asbestos
- where they are likely to be present
- how to reduce risks during work
- action to be taken in an emergency.

**The HSE recommend that all people working on properties and facilities are made aware of the importance of this subject in order to meet their duty of care under legislation. This includes employees of electrical, mechanical, heating engineers, construction and cleaning services.**

In response to a number of requests from our clients we have arranged a ½ day Asbestos Awareness training session on Friday 18 June 2010 from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This three-hour session will be held at our training centre here in Colchester and aims to highlight the risks to all trades. The course is designed for people who work within buildings where asbestos may be present, as well as those who supervise employees or contractors undertaking activities likely to disturb asbestos.

The training uses a wide variety of training media, photographic, powerpoint, videos and learning transfer quizzes. The training provided is also compliant with the HSE Trainers' Code of Practice, with certificates as proof of training and site identity cards issued.



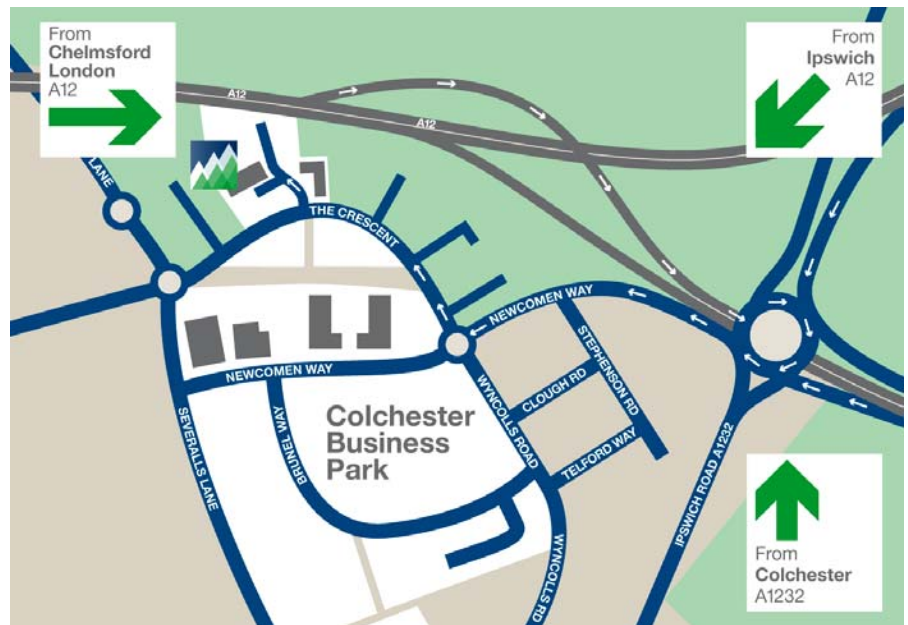
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## Cost

£75.00 + VAT per delegate for existing clients

£95.00 + VAT per delegate for non-clients

to include refreshments, certificates and site identity card.



To book a place/places on this course, please provide your details below, along with those of any other delegates you would like to attend. Return this form to us with your booking fee to the address given. Whilst we are able to reserve places for you, your booking will not be confirmed until payment is received in full prior to the start of the training session.

## Your Details

Delegate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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