



# News Update



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success is no accident

## More Costs of an Accident

As with all accidents there are hidden costs which we do not account for. On average it is estimated that for every £1 you initially pay out rises to ten times that amount by incurring unforeseen costs such as retraining, investigating, replacing damaged equipment, increased insurance premiums etc. Another cost which we all have to be aware of now is the proposed charge by the HSE for organizations found to be non compliant.



### **HSE**

We are working on a proposal to charge those who create risks. A so-called: "fee for fault" principle. The idea being that those who are found not to be compliant with the law during an inspection should be charged for the work that HSE does following the issuing of a notice or other requirement for action to rectify the fault. We believe that this approach is fair and equitable and will be welcomed by the vast majority of businesses who are compliant and who see those who take short cuts as getting away with an unfair competitive advantage. Such an approach should be seen by business as a way of levelling the playing field. We do recognise that there will need to be safeguards built in to the process to ensure that such a scheme is transparent and open to scrutiny.

## Information Watch

Title/Subject	Progress	Refer
Pipelines safety regulations 1996 amendments	The Pipelines Safety Regulations (PSR) 1996 provide for the management of pipeline safety and apply to all pipelines in Great Britain and to all pipelines in territorial waters and the UK Continental Shelf. Full amendments of these regulations can be found on the HSE website.	ed@courtley.com
The Docks (Amendment) Regulation 2011	To remove the requirement of a certificate confirming the safety of a vessel to transport a person at work to or from any working place in dock premises.	dean@courtley.com
Legislative Reform (Contained Use of Animal Pathogens) Order 2010 (LRO)	The legal reform order will extend the general purposes in HSWA to protecting against risks to animal health arising from work with animal pathogens.	graham@courtley.com

# Notice Board



For any companies who pay a levy to CITB, they have increased their daily attendance grant from £17.50 to £52.50. This means you could complete our SMSTS course for as little as £277.50! With the HSE issuing improvement notices to sites where the Site Manager doesn't at least hold an SMSTS certificate, could it have come at a better time? Visit [www.courtley.com](http://www.courtley.com) for further dates.

**Site Managers  
Safety Training  
Scheme Refresher**  
24 & 25 October  
21 & 22 November

**PASMA  
Mobile Tower  
Training**  
11 November  
5 December

**Site Supervisors Safety  
Training Scheme  
(SSSTS)**  
17 & 18 October

**Health &  
Safety  
Awareness**  
11 October  
19 December

Check out our new  
training calendar on  
the website:  
[www.courtley.com](http://www.courtley.com)

**Site Managers  
Safety Training  
Scheme (SMSTS)**  
9 Nov–7 Dec  
2 Nov–23 Dec

## ASBESTOS

**Q** Regarding the removal and replacement of asbestos roof sheets from a free standing domestic garage, what precautions are required and does it come under the control of asbestos regulations?

- Donald

**A** Hi Donald,

The Asbestos Regulations place a duty on those who own, occupy, manage or have responsibilities for non-domestic premises which may contain asbestos. The duty of care is placed on the person responsible for maintaining the fabric of non-domestic buildings or the shared common parts of domestic buildings. If work is being carried out on a private domestic house, advice offered in the regulations and through various HSE document can be used as good practice. However, the regulations themselves do not apply. Disposal of domestic asbestos sheets should be done via a local authority waste disposal site who are permitted to take this type of hazardous waste.

## COSHH

**Q** What are the correct review times for COSHH risk assessments?

- Jackson

**A** Hi Donald,

Currently, there is no stipulated time frame under legislation for which COSHH assessments should be reviewed. Guidelines for review are given in regulation 6 of the COSHH Regulations and paragraphs 80-83 of the ACOP. See [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/15.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/15.pdf) for further information.

Previous versions of the COSHH ACOP recommended that assessments were reviewed at least once every five years dependant on risk. However, this timeframe has been removed with the emphasis now being placed on the individual organisation to determine when assessments should be reviewed.

Don't forget, if you have any questions you can speak to one of our advisors on 0870 300 8174.