

# What Everybody Ought to Know About Risk Assessment



## Did You know that:

If you employ 5 or more members of staff you should have a Written Risk Assessment.

### That is the Law.

In most work places there are hazards that have the potential to cause injury or harm to health.

- Electrical Safety
- Gas Safety
- COSHH- safe use of chemicals
- Manual Handling
- Managing Contractors who come onto site
- Asbestos
- Fire
- Use of Machinery
- Working at Heights
- Use of work vehicles
- Legionella
- Assessing and safeguarding those vulnerable people in your care.

A Risk Assessment should look at all HAZARDS associated with the business and review whether the existing CONTROLS are adequate, or if in fact improved controls are required.

## Let me give you an example:

Everyone carries a mobile phone these days. Often, we charge these up at work.

What if a staff member left their phone charging in the corridor where coats and outdoor clothing hung and it started a fire?



What if the fire was in your main escape route to fresh air?

## Our Solution: A Risk Assessment of Electrical Equipment including its:

- Maintenance of electrical equipment
- Policy on personal use of Mobile Phones
- Portable appliance testing on electronic equipment.
- A review of fire exit routes with respect to storage/obstruction/accessibility.

Here's another example of a serious incident that can occur in any work place if **adequate training and risk assessments** haven't been undertaken.

This accident hit the Media when Chlorine Gas was produced at a Local Pub by a cleaner.



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Toxic fumes: Jason Smith unwittingly mixed descaler and bleach at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower (pictured) in Ashted, Surrey, to produce chlorine - used in chemical warfare during the First World War

An Audit of your work place is a:

'snapshot in time' of your business; and identifies AREAS where RISK ASSESSMENTS require improvement *as well as* a review on the adequacy of statutory controls within the business.

It prevents the risk of Potential Litigation which could ensue either by:

- Statutory Breach of Legislation (Criminal)
- Or Breach of Civil Law.

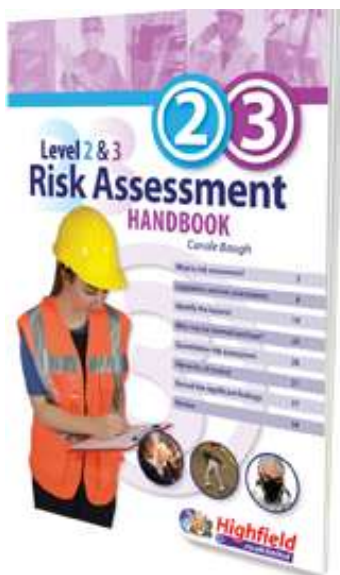
## TRAINING

Here at **Blue Cloud Training & Consultancy** we can train staff on the Process of Risk Assessment so they feel confident to create, amend or revise internal risk assessments.

## We can Provide:

A one-off health & safety audit which includes:

- All areas pertinent to the business.
- A review of your current H&S Management System
- A Systematic Action Plan for the business to follow.
- Photographs of any issues found at the time for awareness & staff training purposes.



We can help with....

- Audits of Hotels, Leisure Facilities & most work environments.
- Setting up H&S Management System.
- 6 monthly health & safety audits to keep your business on track.
- Coaching your staff on 'bespoke' areas of your H&S management systems
- Assisting with Council Interventions
- Liaising with the local authority on your behalf and seeking satisfactory solutions.
- Expert legal advice by telephone.
- Devising Safe Systems of Work
- Evaluation of Contractors & development of safe systems for when contractors are on site.

Our 2-hour audit is £200.00 plus Vat based on a SME.

This includes:

- A FULL ACTION PLAN
- Photographs of non-compliances

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