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# Exposure to Hazards

Protecting you and your staff from exposure to hazardous substances

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# What if...

...you don't keep up with the complex and changeable risk compliance legislation or you need to upgrade your Health and Safety training? Make the wrong choice and you could find yourself on the wrong side of the law.

**All the help you need with safety risk management and training, from a single "expert" source.**

Arco has been at the forefront of the UK safety business for over a century and has earned the respect and confidence of many people for its knowledge and depth of expertise. Working in partnership with some of today's leading Health and Safety training organisations, Arco now offer an unrivalled range of safety risk management and training services.

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The media has made us all aware of the asbestos products left on our industrial sites and in public buildings. This legacy is from a time when we did not understand the hazard that asbestos would become and now needs careful, continuous and detailed management.

Asbestos is only one of the hazardous substances that can be found in many workplaces today, more and more of our manufacturing, food, transport and technology industries utilise a growing number of chemicals in the processes they use.

Here again, keeping people safe from exposure to these hazards requires a professional risk management solution.

### What the law says

The law requires employers to control exposure to hazardous substances to prevent ill health. They have to protect both employees and others who may be exposed by complying with the **Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (CoSHH) (as amended)**.

### Duties Under CoSHH Regulations

1. Where a duty is placed by these regulations on an employer in respect of their employees, they shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, be under a similar duty in respect of any other person, whether at work or not, who may be affected by the work carried out by the employer except for the duties of the employer.
2. These regulations shall apply to a self-employed person as they apply to an employer and an employee and if that self-employed person were both an employer and an employee, except that regulations 10 and 11 shall not apply to a self-employed person.

### Duties Under Asbestos Regulations

**The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006** came into force on 13 November 2006 (Asbestos Regulations – SI 2006/2739)

These regulations bring together the three previous sets of regulations covering the prohibition of asbestos, the control of asbestos at work and asbestos licensing.

The Regulations prohibit the importation, supply and use of all forms of asbestos. They continue the ban introduced for blue and brown asbestos in 1985 and for white asbestos in 1999. They also continue to ban the second-hand use of asbestos products such as asbestos cement sheets and asbestos boards and tiles; including panels which have been covered with paint or textured plaster containing asbestos.

# Proven, easy to use solutions to meet your responsibilities

Arco have years of relevant experience working to keep people safe as they work. Everyday you will find hundreds of Arco people working with our customers to identify risks, design a management programme and choose the right products to ensure their compliance to legislation.

The Arco Safety Risk Management team have an enviable reputation for delivering understandable advice to its customers and have used this knowledge to provide a cost effective, consultancy service that covers potential risks to chemical and asbestos exposure, plus all the traditional occupational risks found in the workplace including the growing number of problems like stress and back pain.

The three products offered by the Arco team allow the user in any company or organisation to first identify the level of risk their workforce faces from hazardous substances and then put in place the control to manage hazards and risks in line with all the current best practice and legal compliance.

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# Occupational Risk Exposure Consultancy Service

Failing to adequately control exposure to hazards in the workplace can not only have devastating consequences for any employees but can harm the company or organisations reputation. From the simple cost of lost productivity to the fees to defend enforcement action and prosecution under the CoSHH regulations, the financial penalties of non compliance can be onerous and this is before you consider the possibility of civil claims for compensation brought by the victims.

With an unrivalled depth of experience in the control of the traditional occupational risks such as noise, vibration, respiratory and the management of exposure to hazardous substances like chemicals and asbestos you can rely on Arco to ensure your Risk Assessment and Management Plan is easy to operate and enforce across your whole operation.

**We have the expertise in these critical areas of risk exposure:-**

- Noise exposure assessment, control and best practice training.
- Whole body and hand/arm vibration exposure, assessment and best practice training.
- CoSHH compliance advice, documentation and implementation including chemical management services.
- Asbestos management including surveys, removal, supervision and training.
- Stress management, ergonomic advice along with health, hygiene and wellbeing strategy development and implementation.

With long expertise in the traditional risks such as noise, vibration and hazardous substances, as well as a practical understanding of the disciplines required to handle the growing problems brought on by stress and musculoskeletal illness. Our team are perfectly placed to offer consultancy across your whole operation.

**We offer a totally bespoke Risk Exposure Consultancy Service**

*Our service is simple and works like this...*

- After an initial discussion with one of our experienced consultants, we will provide an action plan and quotation.
- Once the plan and fee are agreed, our consultant will carry out a detailed site survey which will form the basis of a risk analysis report. This document will include an evaluation of the levels of exposure your employees face from the occupational health, hygiene and safety risks that have been identified.
- The report will make recommendations for the effective management and control of the identified risks.

# Chemical Management Software System (CMS)

All companies **must** comply with CoSHH regulations. Risk assessment forms an important part of the compliance task and involves the identification of all materials used, the harm that they could cause, the likelihood of harm occurring and the controls needed to prevent this.

The very nature of the modern workplace demands a more sophisticated process for recording and updating critical information. No longer are the traditional safety data sheets enough to ensure compliance. Gone are the days when the risk assessment was carried out on the material itself, today you must assess the risk posed by the various uses the material is put to. You must also make sure your employees are aware of each use and understand how to protect themselves. You must also monitor the effectiveness of your management and controls whilst ensuring your Chemical Management Risk analysis is continuously up-to date.

Our Chemical Management System (CMS) is still the most widely used CoSHH solution in the UK and we continue to develop and refine it to take into account the effects of global harmonisation and REACH.

Launched in 1990 and continuously updated, the CMS System benefits from 18 years of unique data that has been gathered by users in the field and our system continues to be the most widely used CoSHH solution.

Unlike other CMS software on the market that gives the user an “empty shell” which requires a great deal of valuable time to enter the relevant information. The Chemical Management System is programmed to provide the user with ready to use CoSHH assessments from day one. Working with Arco you will quickly produce a list of your assessments personalised for your company and ready for you to implement. All you now have to do is follow the step-by-step instructions to achieve best practice, compliance and control.

### Always up to date at no extra cost

Once you have loaded CMS you will benefit from our free real time updates that not only add to your database, but also inform you of any changes in legislation. Information you can access 24/7 from any location.



### Expert Partners

Sypol are one of the UK's leading consultants in the fields of health, safety and environmental safety. Arco have worked with Sypol for many years delivering high quality consultancy advice to many of their customers and continue to rely on their participation in developing both our Chemical and Asbestos Risk Management Systems.

## Asbestos Management Software System (AMS)

The CMS System is specifically for chemicals relating to CoSHH, however the regulations regarding asbestos do not fall under CoSHH, they have their own regulations, The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006.

Arco, offer a desk top solution that will help you manage this, which works in a very similar way to the CMS software systems.

The Asbestos Management System was designed to ensure that those responsible within the organisation, their staff and contractors can quickly identify where asbestos is located, assess the risk to health and access a documented plan to control that risk.

The Asbestos Management System (AMS) helps you meet all of the requirements of the new asbestos regulations with minimal fuss and disruption. Take a look at what it can do:-

- Records the location of all asbestos in an organisation's facilities together with its condition and provides handling advice. It offers a number of facilities that are not currently available from any other software solutions.
- Ensures that those responsible within the organisation, their staff and contractors can quickly identify where asbestos is located, assess the risk to health and access a documented plan to control that risk.
- The software displays work and survey areas that can be set up to meet organisations' requirements.
- Quickly and accurately identify rooms containing asbestos and specific areas in which it is sited, using site plans and photographs.
- Fully CAD enabled - existing plans can be imported into it or new plans easily created and incorporated.



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