

FAQ's for RHA Risk Assessment Services.

1. What is a Health & Safety Risk Assessment?

"An identification of the hazards present in an undertaking and an estimate of the extent of the risks involved, taking into account whatever precautions are already being taken."

2. Do I need a Risk Assessment?

"Yes, although if there are less than 5 employees in your organisation you would not have to record the result in writing. Having said that, how could you prove you had done the assessment without any record and what would your reference point be to plan your improvements ?"

3. What happens if I don't have a Risk Assessment?

"You could face charges under both the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regs 1999, but worse than that, you may be responsible for injuring or even killing a colleague, customer or member of the public. Even at the most basic business level, absent staff can't work for you and dead customers can't buy from you."

4. I need a Risk Assessment, what should I do?

"You can either arrange training for yourself or one of your own staff to carry out the task, or you can ask an established provider of services to carry out the task on your behalf, but make sure your provider is clear that they are merely assisting you in your responsibilities. Be wary of claims that a provider can take the responsibility for you. Remember the old business adage "you can delegate the task, but not the responsibility."

5. Why should I arrange a RHA Risk Assessment?

"RHA National Training has carried out hundreds of Assessments for customers over the last 5 years and only ever use our own NEBOSH qualified managers for the task. We never sub contract work to independent providers and our system has been reviewed by a number of HSE Inspectors over the years leading to a process of continuous improvement. No one knows our industry better than we do"

6. What should I do with a Risk Assessment?

"Use it as a basis for planning future improvements and development of a Health and safety culture in your business, reduce the costs associated with accidents and illness in the workplace. Protect your staff and your business prospects"

7. Can the RHA deal with my Health & Safety requirements?

"Yes, in a number of ways. We can offer training in a number of relevant skills, we can offer stand alone general assessments, specific job assessments, or arrange longer term agreements to work with you to improve your overall H&S culture."

8. Why should I review a risk Assessment?

"There are a number of reasons to revisit a risk assessment. These include the introduction of new work procedures or practices, introduction of new equipment or machinery, after an accident or near miss, as soon as anything indicates they are no longer valid, and in most cases, no less frequently than annually."

To discuss your Health & Safety requirements, call 01733 261131 and speak to Richard or Paul.