

BESPOKE SAFETY

FATAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities

Investigating a work related death is not something that we look forward to. However, if you are an EHP or health and safety regulator authorised under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 S19 it is something that you may well have to do. Fatal accidents just happen, no warning.. How prepared are you to deal with the scene? What support mechanisms are in place to ensure your wellbeing? How will



you cope with the additional pressure that this level of investigation demands?

This training builds on the Bespoke Safety one day Accident Investigation session and aims to help prepare you to confidently investigate a work related death, which could be an employee or a member of the public.

The session draws on the presenters experience and covers the following:

- Work related Deaths Protocol and associated guidance
- Working with the police
- Corporate Manslaughter and Manslaughter by Gross Negligence
- Primacy and handover
- Disclosure of material between the relevant authorities
- Timing of criminal proceedings
- What to expect when investigating a work related death
- The coroners inquest, conclusion and working with the coroner.
- Relevant legislation, Coroners Rules, disclosure and Reports to Prevent Future Deaths
- Preparing a report for the coroner and giving evidence
- Looking after the investigating officer and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

This is genuine low cost training. Sessions can be run for as low as £60/delegate

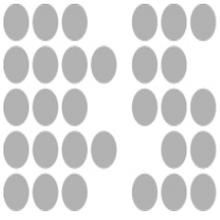
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I qualified as an EHO in 1989 and worked for Sandwell, Malvern Hills and Dudley councils before joining Birmingham City Council. I left Birmingham where I had been Operations Manager (Health and Safety) for 6 years to take up a Senior Lecturers post at the University Wolverhampton. I have also spent 2 years working for HSE's Safety Unit. For the last 20 years I have specialised in health and safety regulation and enforcement and all of my training draws on my personal experiences. I have investigated complex and fatal incidents, set strategic direction, drafted policy and guidance documents, managed and advised investigations to prosecution and presented evidence in court and in coroners inquests. I have mentored colleagues in all of these roles overseeing their work and providing training to colleagues as well as developing and organising training events for students, local authority officers and HSE Inspectors.

I now run my own consultancy providing training and also advising other local authorities on their complex and fatal accident investigations. I have peer reviewed investigation reports and prosecution files, advised on accident investigations and acted as a second officer during interviews under caution.

I have been a regular contributor to EHN and have experience of speaking at various conferences including CIEH Best of the Best, Westminster Policy Forum and CIEH Regional Conferences.

I genuinely believe in supporting the profession and providing low cost training. Most of my half day sessions cost only £40/delegate and day sessions £60/delegate depending on numbers and that includes all supporting material.

BASICS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATION

Using case studies, practical examples and discussion it seeks to equip officers with the basic tools needed to regulate health and safety. Areas covered include:

- Overview of health and safety regulation
- Sources of information LACS/RDNA/HELEX
- Review of common legislation
- Use of Inspectors powers
- Inspection techniques and use of topic packs
- Enforcement choices
- Service of notices
- Significance of enforcement policies

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION:

To provide LA officers with a methodology to effectively manage complex accident investigations and to avoid common problems and difficulties potentially compromising the investigation. Using case studies and practical examples, areas covered include:

- Use of powers
- Interviewing witnesses
- PACE/S20 explained
- Understanding RIDDOR
- Investigation techniques
- Gathering evidence
- Use of experts
- Enforcement decisions

Genuine low cost training for LAs with over 700 officers from over 200 LAs trained since 2009.

An excellent and practical bit of training, very useful even to officers with experience

Fabulous course—enjoyable delivery

Very practical based course notes which were delivered well.