

PRACTICAL ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS

CONTENT

Investigating a work-related accident can be very demanding depending on the circumstances and complexity. From the initial notification, investigators must ensure that they use their powers under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSW) properly to ensure a thorough, fair and complete investigation. Case studies and a workshop approach delegates will cover the following:

- Understanding your powers under HSW S20
- How to apply your HSW S20 powers
- Interviewing witnesses and common complications and issues
- Consideration of PACE when investigating and applying a strategic approach to PACE interviews
- Clarification of HSW S20 when questioning witnesses
- HSW S20 questioning compared to CJA voluntary S9 statements
- Gathering evidence and use of experts
- Immediate Vs Underlying causes and the benefits of early enforcement
- Dealing with common problems including reluctant witnesses, uncooperative suspects and lawyers
- Enforcement decisions and caselaw
- Application of the CPS Code for Crown Prosecutors and when to prosecute
- Identification of suspects and who to invite for an interview under PACE



**Almost 1000 LA officers trained
from +250 LAs since 2009**

This course draws on over 25yrs experience investigating complex accidents. It aims to highlight the common issues and techniques needed to tackle the most complex investigations. There is a lot to cover in one day but is supported by group work, discussion and examples.

OTHER COURSES

- Practical PACE
- Fatal Accident Investigation
- Dealing with the Bereaved
- Warehouse Inspection
- New to Health and Safety Regulation