

SERVICES FOR ACADEMIES

HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS



B-Safe
Health & Safety Services Ltd

The Penalties

93% of academies are not complying, which is resulting in an average fine of **£18,198**.

Keeping abreast of Health and Safety legislation can be challenging. Most, if not all of us will be familiar with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HASAWA 1974), but other legislation can also impact upon your normal business operations, The Electricity at Work Regulations, COSHH, LOLER & PUWER regulations are just a few of these.

Penalties and fines for getting it wrong are designed to be punitive. Latest 2014-15 figures from the HSE indicate a conviction rate of 93% with an average fine of £18,198 per offence. This figure doesn't take into account the amount of unscheduled time or additional resources an Academy has to commit in order to process any such issue. That's a sobering thought.

At B-Safe our business is all about protecting people and providing peace of mind. We always try to work with Clients in order to develop an individual solution to their requirements. We do not believe 'one size fits all'. Based on almost 10 years practical experience, B-Safe have developed a range of solutions for problems that may be faced by Academies.

Information, Instruction, Training and Supervision

As members of the British Safety Council we have access to a range of independently accredited courses, held in our own training suite here at Grantham. We are also familiar with working directly with Clients in the development of bespoke training course, particular to their needs. Usually these are held at Clients premises. Recent courses provided include:

- Manual Handling.
- Noise awareness.
- Asbestos.
- Working at Heights.
- RIDDOR 2013.
- Safe Use of ladders and stepladders.
- Fire safety.
- Risk Assessments (how to write).

Safety Regulations

Electricity at Work Regulations:

Electricity can kill or severely injure people. Most electrical accidents occur because people come into contact with electrical equipment that is somehow "live". There is a duty to ensure electrical equipment is safe to use and is properly maintained.

Our solution: B-Safe can provide Portable Appliance testing which, although not a legal requirement, if done it satisfies the requirement to ensure that electrical equipment is safe and suitably maintained.

Lifting Equipment:

Lifting Equipment, including attachments, require statutory inspection under the Lifting Operations & Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) 1998. Equipment. This includes vehicle lifts, passenger and goods lifts, MEWPS, cranes and lifting accessories such as chains and slings. The inspection frequency is either 6 or 12 months.

Our solution: B-Safe operate trained engineers who can undertake statutory inspections, prepare your written scheme of examination and provide common sense practical advice in your environment. Please note in order to avoid any conflict of interest we do not undertake repairs.

Pressure systems:

The Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999 and Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 apply to Steam boilers and steam ovens, steam pressure plant, hot water boilers (>100°C), air conditioning plants and other pressure systems, including distribution pipework. This includes air receivers (>250bar litres) and autoclaves.

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Kiln(s):

These are commonly found in Academies and the principal risk is fire and/or contact with hot surfaces. Anyone operating a kiln should have knowledge of the controls and safety devices and be able to recognise faults.

Our solution: We can provide a periodic safety inspection covering all these operational areas plus assess the adequacy of the particular environment.

Electrically operated gates:

These should be risk-assessed in situ with information, instruction, training & supervision available to Users, typically the Site Maintenance crew.

Our solution: We can provide individual, site specific risk assessments of each gate. This includes recommended inspections plus detailed Operating and Emergency manuals. We can also train your team so they have the skills and knowledge to perform basic inspections themselves.

Canopies and sun-blinds:

There are a number of areas to consider here, including the safe operation of the blinds themselves plus security and safety measures.

Our solution: We can provide a safety inspection programme covering all operational areas and backed up by a written report.

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005:

This legislation is simplified for schools although still requires an risk assessment to be done with a written record of the findings. It also covers fire protection (detection and alarm), fire fighting equipment, signage, lighting and training obligations.

Our solution: We can already help you with your Fire Risk Assessment plus extinguishers and training. We are looking to further develop our services to provide the maximum benefit to Clients.

Legionella:

Existing duties under Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 (HASAWA) extend to risks arising from Legionella bacteria. Additionally, the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002 (COSHH) provide a framework of actions designed to assess, prevent and control the risk from Legionella bacteria in water systems.

Our solution: We can undertake legionella testing of your water system and provide you with a written report designed to comply with L8 and manage the risk.

Play Equipment:

The HSE recognises that there are clear benefits in allowing children and young people to have challenging play opportunities. They are keen to avoid mistaken health & safety concerns that may create sterile play environments. In fact, the HSE encourage a sensible and proportionate control of real risk arising from use of play equipment and seek to strike the right balance. Play equipment and the environment should be subject to ongoing inspections to ensure there are no un-necessary risks and those risks that do exist are understood and controlled.

Our solution: We can undertake periodic safety inspections for you and provide a detailed written register and report.

How B-Safe Can Help

OHSAS18001:

Our systems and controls are accredited to OHSAS18001 and so when you deal with us it should be 'right first time, every time'. We are also members of the British Safety Council.

Disclosure Barring Service:

For your peace of mind all our consultants are DBS-checked and carry photo ID. They are also all qualified First Aiders.

Fixed price:

The price you see is the price you pay. We will give you a fixed price for undertaking the work. Contracts are available for 12, 24 or 36 months.

Online access:

We provide Clients with online access to their documents via a secure link/password. This means you can always view and print documents, even when our Office is closed!

Regular updates:

When you deal with us we make sure that you get regular updates, relevant to your area. This is all part of our service at no additional cost.

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