



Occupational Hygiene

Recognizing and controlling workplace health hazards

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Good occupational health & safety practice is an important aspect of company management today. Assessing and controlling risks from hazardous substances and work practices is more than just another obligation for employers. Indeed, focusing on a safer workplace can have a positive effect on productivity, workforce retention and competitiveness.



SOLUTION

What is Occupational Hygiene?

Occupational Hygiene is about recognizing, evaluating and controlling physical and chemical hazards in the workplace that arise in a diverse range of work environments. With a full range of industrial hygiene and asbestos related services, Bureau Veritas is a reliable partner in achieving compliance with statutory regulations. The occupational hygiene team focuses on monitoring for many types of hazards, on compliance testing, offering reassurance and remedial action advice when necessary.

What are the key benefits?

- Identify all your statutory obligations;
- Comply with the numerous aspects of occupational health & safety regulations;
- Have your health hazards measured and controlled by recognized professionals;
- Benefit from the expert opinions of dedicated auditors, consultants and technicians in asbestos risk assessment.

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS ?

Recognition ■ Founded in 1828, Bureau Veritas is a worldwide leader specialized in QHSE and social responsibility services. Certified to ISO 9001 for all of its activities throughout the world, Bureau Veritas participated in the creation of OHSAS 18001. The company maintains an active participation within professional authorities, for the development of international standards and regulations.

Knowledge and Expertise ■ Technical knowledge and availability of our qualified local teams, able to provide packaged and targeted information, are strengths appreciated by our clients.

Network ■ With a network of 700 offices and laboratories and over 26,000 employees in more than 140 countries, Bureau Veritas serves 280,000 customers in many different industries across the world.

Personalized service ■ Bureau Veritas adapts its services to your needs and helps you identify your legal occupational health & safety obligations.

RELATED SERVICES

In addition to Occupational Hygiene, Bureau Veritas offers a wide range of services related to indoor environment quality, workplace health & safety and process safety management including:

- Microbial Assessments
- Legionella Technical Assistance & Consulting
- Indoor Air Quality
- Safety Audits, Studies, Assessment & Consulting
- Fire / Life Safety
- Behavior Based Safety (Human Factor)
- Ergonomics Assessment
- Fire Safety Audits, Technical Assistance & Consulting



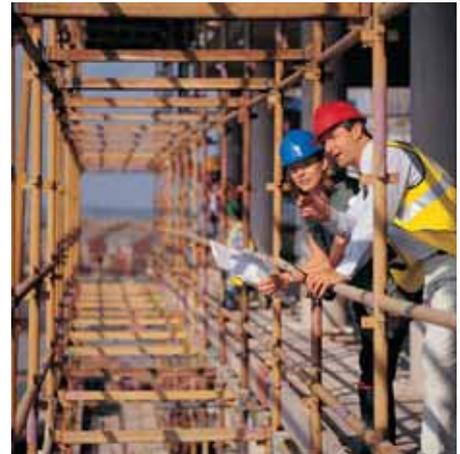
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OUR APPROACH

Bureau Veritas offers practical, cost-effective solutions designed to help you achieve compliance with relevant standards and statutory requirements. In the assessment of all workplace health & safety issues, Bureau Veritas focuses on:

- Industrial hygiene (hazardous substances);
- Lead management services;
- Noise;
- Asbestos management services.



FAQ

What buildings are affected by asbestos?

Potentially all buildings, no matter what type of business is carried out in them. Areas often affected include the common areas of residential rented properties, such as halls, stair wells, lift shafts and roof spaces.

What do I need to do?

Regulatory asbestos verifications are different from country to country. In all developed countries, there is a legal obligation to manage asbestos in non-domestic premises. Everyone must take action - even if all you have to do is co-operate with the dutyholder. If you are a dutyholder you must: find out whether your building contains asbestos and what condition it is in, assess the risk and make a plan to manage that risk.

What are the health effects of asbestos exposure?

Exposure to asbestos may result in a potential health risk because persons breathing the air may breathe in asbestos fibers. Continued exposure can increase the amount of fibers that remain in the lung. Asbestos workers have increased chances of getting two principal types of cancer: cancer of the lung tissue itself and mesothelioma, a cancer of the thin membrane that surrounds the lung and other internal organs.



CASE STUDY

Skanska Innisfree

Bureau Veritas was appointed by Skanska Innisfree to perform a mission in Barts and Royal London Hospitals, to check the location condition and risk presented by hazardous materials potentially present in hospital buildings prior to acquisitions. Material investigated included: lead paint, anthrax and mercury spillage PCB's. Bureau Veritas conducted a three phase study including desktop audit, visual inspection and selected intrusive sampling. As a result of our work, the client was able to quantify the commercial cost of hazardous materials present in structures, prior to contract.

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