

Course Outline

Advanced Accident & Incident Investigation

Duration

5 Days

Who Should Attend?

Individuals who require more advanced skills to investigate incidents and accidents and identify root causes

What Is Covered?

Session 1

- ➤ Background A quick reminder including pre-course preparation
 - Basic definitions
 - Recent Incidents & Prosecutions
 - Development of Incident Investigation
 - Human Factors

Session 2

- Incident Investigation
 - Description & Purpose
 - > Aim as Investigators
 - Roles & Responsibilities
 - Essential Preparation
 - Definition of Scope/Terms of Reference

Session 3

- Initial Response
 - Preparation
 - Initial response on Site
 - > First Aid/Emergency response
 - Initial Facts & Actions
 - Preservation of Evidence
 - Notifications
 - ➤ Police & HSE Involvement
 - ➤ Legal Privilege
 - > Internal Notification
 - > RIDDOR



- Arrival on Site
- Managing Expectations of Site Manager
- Other Information
- Formal Meetings
- Take Time for Yourself

Session 4

- Fact Finding
 - Investigator's Tools of the Trade
 - Stages of Collecting Evidence
 - Preserve and Record the Scene
 - > The Right Evidence
 - Review of Information

Session 5

- > Fact Finding contd.
 - Timelines
 - Purpose
 - Critical to Incident Investigation
 - Developing Timelines
 - The Process
 - 8 Key Steps
 - > Rules for Questions
 - Building Blocks
 - Example Scenario
 - Case Study

Session 6

- Fact Finding contd.
 - Dealing with Witnesses
 - ➤ Key Interview Techniques
 - Basic Rules of Interviews
 - Asking the Right Questions
 - Effective Transactions
 - Introduction to Case Study
 - Deception
 - > Reluctant Witnesses
 - Cognitive Interview Techniques

Session 7

- Analysis & Corrective Actions
 - Who, What, Where, When and How
 - Opinions, Facts & Assumptions
 - Causal Factors



Session 8

- Completion of Accident Report
 - Executive Summary
 - Project Overview & Project Team Structure
 - Background Information (scope of the work)
 - Accident/Incident Summary
 - Chronology
 - Investigation Findings
 - Interventions i.e. Critical Factors
 - Human Factors Analysis
 - Agreed Preventative Actions
 - Review Date
 - Appendices

Session 9

- Advice on Corrective Actions & Writing reports
 - SMART Actions
 - Assigning Actions
 - Report Writing

Session 10

- > Track & Trend
- Actions & Lessons Learned
- Management Review & Audit
- Serious Incident Reviews
- Coroner's Inquest
- Managing Insurers and Lawyers

Session 11

- Review of Course Aims & Objectives
- Course Notes
- Handbook
- Guidance Documents

A detailed case study will be reviewed throughout the course and delegates are encouraged to bring their own policies and procedures to share with the group to enable effective participation and maximise opportunities for learning.