

## UKATA ASBESTOS IN SOILS AWARENESS

Asbestos in soils awareness training is required to be given to employees whose work could foreseeably expose them to asbestos. In particular, it should be given to all people employed on projects to redevelop brownfield sites and or sites that have previously been occupied by industrial buildings that have been demolished, where it is foreseeable that their work will disturb the soils and ground on site and may expose them to ACMs that may be present within the soils on site. Exemption from this requirement would apply only where the employer can demonstrate that work will only be carried out on sites in which the soils are free from risk of airborne fibres.

NB:

Asbestos in soils awareness training is not training to work with any forms of asbestos. It is likely to form the first part of training for work on sites that contain ACMs within the soil. On its own it is does not meet the legal requirements laid down under the CAR.

### **Occupational Relevance**

Supervisors and trades personnel, including trainees, such as but not limited to: site managers/supervisors/agents, site remediation employees, construction workers, ground workers, plant and machinery operators, utility installers/ maintainers and other such professionals.

Architects, building surveyors, designers (including principal designers) and other such professionals may require a more developed course which includes the core syllabus in this course, together with an additional module which includes the interaction between the various duties under the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 and those within the CAR.

### **Duration**

The duration of the training can be divided into three categories;

**ASA1)** Initial training with no previous asbestos awareness training undertaken: The expected duration for this training will be 1 day or a minimum of 6 learning hours.

**ASA2)** Initial training with previous UKATA certificated asbestos awareness training within 6 months of the start date. The expected duration for this training will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  day or 3 learning hours.

**ASA3)** Refresher training should be considered if work methods change or gaps in competency have been identified by means of carrying out a TNA. It is important to note that Reg 10 of the ACoP requires employers to make sure that anyone who supervises employees who are liable to disturb asbestos during their work ensures they receive the correct level of information, instruction and training to enable them to carry out their work safely and competently and without risk to themselves or others.