

Roger Holt, of Agenda Training Limited, looks at the Managers' safety role

Crash courses

The Supervisor's and Manager's role in safety has been recognised as crucial to the success of business operations for many years.

A Company's commitment to Health & Safety is made in a number of ways, through its Policy Statement, its adherence to legislative requirements and through the design of jobs which fully recognise hazardous steps.

Once these are identified job training can be designed and safety campaigns mounted to ensure that, as far as possible, staff accidents and dangerous occurrences are minimised. Daily identification of hazards and risks which can occur is a vital plank in the management of safety and can be overlooked if a culture of continuous attention is not maintained. Qualifications for safety profes-

Qualifications for safety professionals have long been widely accepted as a commitment of business to this area, but many firms do not have a full-time or part-time person in this role.

However, a qualification for managers has been developed by the Institute of Occupational Safety and Hygiene called the Managing Safely Certificate. This important qualification gives supervisors and managers a range of skills and techniques to improve this vital area and underpins the commitment of the business to safety.

There is no doubt that the cost of accidents and lost time will continue to rise and larger firms are now looking for evidence of commitment to staff safety and welfare as a condition of dealing with suppliers.

The course, which is delivered over a three day and a two day module, incorporates the firm's safety procedures and covers the following topics.

- The legal framework for health and safety at work.
- The nature of commonly occurring hazards.
- Human behaviour which affects safe working.
- An indication of risk and why incidents, damage and accidents occur.
- The communication of health and safety.
- Revision and course assessment for certification.

The assessment is by a written paper and a short project related to the delegate's work place.

In order to discuss further how you can profitably take this crucial next step please ring Jean John on 012082 831973 or Roger Holt on 01203 696511 at Agenda Training Limited.

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