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Toy Safety Workshop: Identifying Hazards and Minimizing your Risk

An advanced level one day workshop which focuses on the Safety Assessment process

Aimed at experienced production and other publishing staff who are responsible for ensuring their products are safe and compliant.

Delivered by Diane Greaves

Performing a Safety Assessment is a key requirement under the European Toy Safety Directive but can be a rather daunting prospect. A key business tool, a proper Safety Assessment process helps identify hazards early and helps businesses take appropriate action to produce better, safer products, avoid expensive recalls and protect their brand.

Building on our introductory level course **Understanding Toy Safety**, this advanced level course will help you put your knowledge into practice by giving you the skills and confidence to carry out formal Safety Assessments on your products. The course is suited to those with a basic understanding of European Safety legislation who wish to advance their skills in this area.

Using representative samples of popular children's formats, we take a step-by-step approach to completing Safety Assessments and the other documentation that makes up the Technical File. Using foreseeable use as insight, we determine how children will interact with your products in both intended and foreseeable ways, and show you how to address the potential hazards, understand and manage your risk. The workshop format encourages the sharing of ideas and allows everyone to participate.

Our course tutor, Diane Greaves, has worked in the area of children's product safety for over twenty years as a test laboratory manager, hazard and risk assessor and latterly as an independent consultant to the retail and publishing sectors. Diane sits as an independent expert on several of the Standards Committees. Her technical knowledge and common sense approach enable her to deliver this often daunting subject in a lively and reassuring way.

- **Understanding your legal obligations as a manufacturer and the obligations of others up and down the supply chain**
- **Technical File requirements:** the required documentation • Safety Data Sheets • Bills of Material • Safety Assessment • Declaration of Conformity
- **Identifying physical and chemical hazards and taking preventative action:** Child behavior in under 3s and over 3s • foreseeable and intended use • design safety in / design hazards out • understanding high and low risk materials • process control
- **Demonstrating compliance:** when to take a risk approach • when to test • raw material certification • traceability • working with test labs • managing testing costs

Time : 9.45 – 5.15pm
Venue : Imago, Thame

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