

Asbestos Awareness Training – I A T P Accredited

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is warning firms that exposing workers to asbestos would be penalised. It added that electrical contracting companies and other building and refurbishment trades must provide suitable asbestos awareness training to employees or face prosecution.

(This move follows the HSE prosecution of Electrical Contractors Ltd for failing to ensure that adequate information, instruction, and training was given to its employees. The court heard that an electrician employed by the contractor installed three heat detectors and associated cabling in a building in Birmingham. Although the ceiling tiles contained 5-50% brown asbestos, no asbestos awareness training was given by his employer prior to the commencement of the work, despite a legal requirement.

The Electrical Contractors Ltd, under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, were fined £3,000 and ordered to pay £2,757 in costs by Magistrates for breaching Regulation 10(1)(a) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.)

The following occupations will require asbestos awareness training (this list is not limited to but will include):

Much of that asbestos remains to this day. All types of asbestos were used in a huge variety of applications such as;

- Electricians
- Electrical contractors
- Plumbing/heating engineers
- Gas engineers
- Heating/ventilation engineers
- Painters and decorators
- Labourers and ancillary trades
- Joiners and carpenters
- Shopfitters
- Fire/burglar alarm engineers
- Computer cable/IT installers
- Supervisors and managers
- Architects and surveyors
- Plasterers and contractors
- Roofing contractors
- Demolition workers
- Flooring contractors

Candidates will learn where asbestos is likely to be found, what it may look like, and what emergency procedures to take if suspected ACMs are found. This is not a course for people who wish to work with asbestos. There is no legal requirement to repeat an entire formal awareness refresher training course every 12 months. However, some form of refresher should be given, as necessary, to help ensure knowledge of asbestos awareness is maintained