



# ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

## Introduction

"Climate change doesn't discriminate. Whether you're a business, a government, or an individual, it is a threat to us all and therefore a challenge for us all. I believe that collectively we can meet this challenge." - Environment Minister

With global warming, pollution and greenhouse gases being discussed on a daily basis, environmental impact is now firmly on the agenda for many organisations as both a corporate responsibility and sustainability issue. "We're in this Together" is an important approach to many organisations that have achieved or are striving to achieve the Environmental Management System Standard, ISO14001. The Environmental Awareness course covers the main issues that face organisations in their attempts to better manage their environment risks by helping managers and employees to understand the part they can play in meeting their organisations obligations and lessen impacts on the environment.

The main theme within the course is that by improving environmental awareness, everyone in the organisation can contribute to the reduction of impacts on the environment and play a positive part in the future of our environment.

Did you know that between 1970 and 2004, total carbon dioxide emissions fell by 18%? Much of this decline has come from a reduction in emissions attributable to industry which declined by 49% since 1970. Emissions caused by domestic users have declined by 22% since 1970, but those attributable to transport have more than doubled' So based on these statistics, impacts on the environment can actually be reduced if there is a desire to do so.

## Aims of the course

This Environmental Awareness course will explain the main issues that impact the environment and what government, agencies and individuals are doing to improve these risks. It will also provide the trainee with an awareness of the environment, explain how their actions at work can affect it and what they can do to reduce environmental impacts. With this aim in mind we believe that the course could form part of the training requirement described within the Environmental Management System Standard ISO 14001.

## Who is it for?

The course is aimed at all levels of employees who are required to understand and effectively control the risks which may impact on the environment. And it will provide employees with the awareness to help meet their responsibilities.

## How is it delivered?

Environmental Awareness e-learning can be delivered on line or through a computer network to each trainee at



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their desktop, laptop or mobile device. We can also provide the course to be integrated into a SCORM compliant LMS. The training can be completed at the employee's own pace by "book marking" and recording progress and returning to the training at a later time. In delivering the training in this way, the normal costs of training are reduced, whilst still achieving the desired awareness and compliance with the organisation's legal responsibilities. At the end of the training the trainee will complete an assessment.

## Compliance record keeping instantly solved

An invaluable feature our e-learning courses is our learning management system (LMS) called SHINE. This solves the problem of compliance record keeping by recording completion of courses and making them available for you to view and manage electronically. No more struggling to find training records should you have a visit from the enforcing agency or an audit.

## Course duration

25 - 30 minutes.

## Course summary

The Environmental Awareness course helps managers and employees understand the issues surrounding environmental impacts and what can be done in the workplace to improve an organisation's environmental performance.

## Content of the course

The aim of Environmental Awareness is to describe the major environmental issues and help the trainees understand what can be done in the workplace to improve the environmental performance of the organisation and covers the following important areas:

1. Introduction
2. The Issues
  - Waste
  - II. Energy
  - III. Air emissions
  - IV. Water
  - V. Travel
  - VI. Noise and nuisance
3. Managing the issues
4. Self Assessment

