

## Somerset based training provider, Sah Sen Consulting, pledges free training to help tackle 4000 asbestos death toll

Somerset based training provider Sah Sen Consulting is playing its part in a Britain-wide drive to help tradesmen protect themselves from asbestos.

Sah Sen Consulting has accepted the invitation from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the training industry by pledging 120 free training hours to help reach a poignant target of 4000 – a number which reflects the approximate number of deaths each year from asbestos-related diseases.

Sah Sen Consulting will be holding the free asbestos awareness training on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at The Monk's Yard at Horton Cross, conveniently located between Taunton, Yeovil and Chard. The training is aimed at building tradesmen who are most likely to disturb the fibres as they go about their work – around 20 a week lose their lives to asbestos-related diseases.

Kate Field from Sah Sen Consulting says:

“We welcomed the opportunity to be involved in such a worthwhile initiative. Though there is little that can be done to help those already suffering the effects of asbestos from exposure years ago, we can help prevent this hidden killer claiming another generation by ensuring there is good quality and accessible training out there. Hopefully the 120 free hours we have pledged will make a real difference to how tradesmen in Somerset approach jobs – putting their health first.”

“We'd also like to thank The Monk's Yard for supporting this initiative by providing the venue free of charge.”

Those wanting to see what has been pledged in their area should visit the campaign website [www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/training-pledge.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/training-pledge.htm).

Those wanting to book their free place with Sah Sen Consulting should email Kate Field directly: [kate@sahsen.co.uk](mailto:kate@sahsen.co.uk)

### Notes for editors:

- The free asbestos awareness training will be available throughout Britain in October and November
- Tradesman who are most likely to come into contact with asbestos include: Heating and ventilation engineers, demolition workers, carpenters and joiners, plumbers, roofing contractors, painters and decorators, plasterers, construction workers, fire and burglar alarm installers, shop fitters, gas fitters, computer installers, general maintenance staff e.g. caretakers, telecommunications engineers, building surveyors, cable layers and electricians
- Regulation 10 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 details training requirements.

There are three main types:-

- 1] **asbestos awareness training** – for workers likely to disturb asbestos while carrying out their normal everyday work, or who may influence how work is carried out;
- 2] **training for non-licensable asbestos work** – for those workers undertaking planned work with asbestos which is not licensable, such as a roofer or demolition worker removing a whole asbestos cement sheet in good condition or for workers such as asbestos surveyors;
- 3] **training for licensable work with asbestos** – for those working with asbestos which is licensable such as removing asbestos insulation or insulating board.

- Queries about Sah Sen Consulting's pledge: [kate@sahsen.co.uk](mailto:kate@sahsen.co.uk) 0772 501 7235 (<http://www.sahsenconsulting.co.uk/training.php>)
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