



Health & Safety Reps Certificate

Key points

Aimed at:
New safety reps or safety reps who haven't attended any H&S courses so far.

Duration:
10 days
Regional/Country and National venues.

Key aims

To provide safety reps with the confidence to:

- Understand the Unite 3 pillars & the structure of the union.
- Understand your rights and role as a health and safety representative.
- Review health & safety organisation and determine how it can be improved.
- Handle health and safety issues with members and local management.
- Develop key trade union and health and safety skills.
- Understand the principles of assessing and controlling risk.
- Examine their organisation's risk assessments and evaluate them.
- Carry out an accident investigation using standard techniques.
- Understand health & safety audits and company accident statistics.
- Appreciate health and safety legislation including aspects of criminal and civil law.

This is the course for all new safety reps or those safety reps that have had no health & safety training so far. The course covers Unite's 3 pillars strategy of: Organising, Political and International. The course will provide safety reps with the initial skills and knowledge in order for them to carry out their role in the workplace.

Who should attend?

New safety reps or safety reps that have had no health & safety training so far.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course safety reps should be able to:

- Understand the Unite 3 pillars & the structure of the union.
- Understand your rights and role as a health and safety representative and the law which applies to those functions.
- Review health & safety organisation and determine how it can be improved.
- Understand employers' legal and moral responsibilities.
- Set up safety committees and handle health and safety issues with members and local management.
- Develop key trade union and health and safety skills.
- Understand different types of hazards.
- Understand the principles of assessing and controlling risk.
- Examine their organisation's risk assessments and evaluate them.
- Carry out an accident investigation using standard techniques.
- Understand health & safety audits and company accident statistics.
- Appreciate health and safety legislation including aspects of criminal and civil law.
- Understand the basics & issues of protecting the environment.

Pre-course activities

Read and understand your company's health and safety policy.

Duration

10 days – typically delivered as 2 modules or alternatively as day release or any combination to achieve the 10 day duration.

Venues

All regional/country.

Accreditation and certification

This course is accredited. On successful completion of this course you will be issued with a certificate of unit credit by the Open College Network (OCN).

Progression route

There are other Health and Safety courses available, please see the Education section of Unite's website for further details.