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## RISE IN FATALITIES

### THE UK CONSTRUCTION DEATH RATE HAS RISEN IN NEW HSE FIGURES RELEASED

A total of 144 workers were killed in Britain last year, up from 135 in 2016/17. 38 of last year's fatal injuries were in the Construction Industry, which accounts for the largest share of any industry. This is up from 30 deaths the previous year. The annual average rate over the last five years in Construction is around four times as high as the all-industry rate.

The HSE will publish details of non-fatal accidents and diseases for 2017-2018 later in the year.

The UK regulator also revealed its latest available figures in deaths from asbestos related cancer, which showed that in 2016, 2595 workers died from Mesothelioma. With the deaths from Lung Cancer caused by Asbestos estimated at a further 2500.

# DIRECTOR JAILED

## COMPANY BOSS JAILED AFTER BROTHERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

The director of a construction company has been sentenced to eight months in prison after two labourers were killed in an explosion.

The two brothers Ardian and Jashar Lamallari were employed as labourers by Simon Thomerson at Clearview Design and Construction Ltd. They were working inside an industrial park in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire in October 2015, carrying out refurbishment works.

An explosive fire occurred within one of the units and both brothers suffered near 100% burns and died within 12 hours of the incident. A third man who was working with them also suffered severe burns but survived.

A joint investigation by Hertfordshire Constabulary and the HSE found that Mr Thomerson had supplied the three men with several litres of highly flammable “thinners”, which they then poured onto the floor of the unit to remove old dried carpet tile adhesive.

The Investigation found that the vapour had spread to an area up to half the size of a tennis court and was ignited by one of several possible ignition sources.

It concluded that Mr Thomerson had given no serious consideration to the safe use of thinners, despite the obvious warnings on the containers.

Simon Thomerson pleaded guilty to breaching Section 3(1) of the Health & safety at Work etc Act 1974. He received a custodial sentence of eight months and was ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £170.

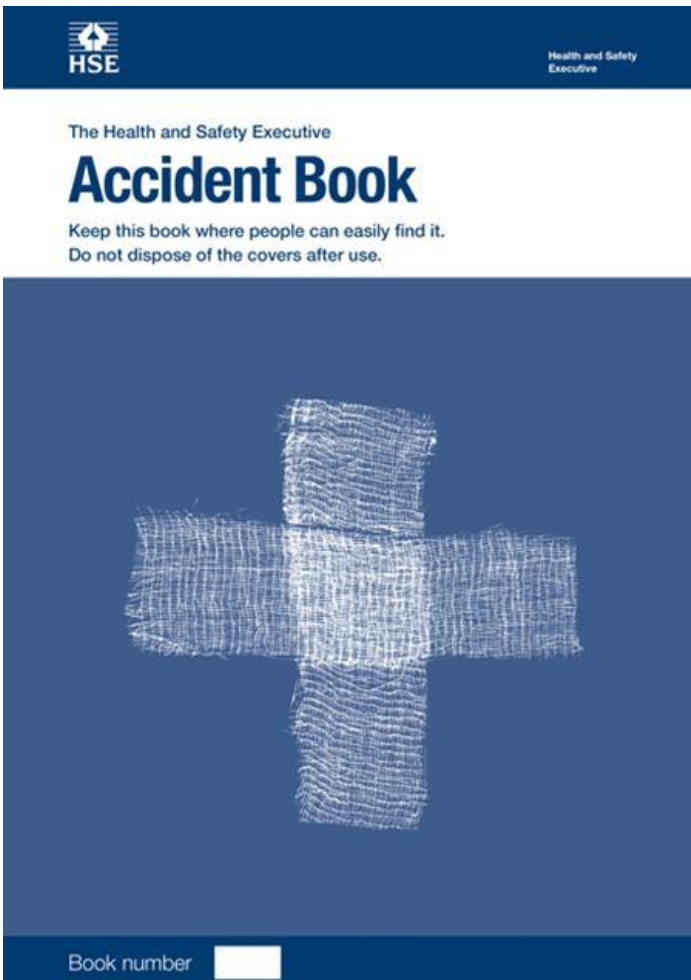
HSE Inspector Paul Hoskins said “This tragic incident led to the wholly avoidable deaths of two brothers, Ardian and Jashar, destroying the lives of their young families.

The risks of using highly flammable liquids are well-known, and employers should make sure they properly assess the risks from such substances, and use safer alternatives where possible, Where the use of flammable solvents is unavoidable, then the method and environment must be strictly controlled to prevent and ignition. “

## NEW LOOK ACCIDENT BOOK

### THE HSE ACCIDENT BOOK HAS BEEN REDESIGNED FOR GDPR

The HSE have published a new style Accident Book to keep in line with the new GDPR requirements. Make sure you are up to date by using Accident book BI 510 2018 Edition on your sites.





# HSE CAMPAIGN

HSE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN STARTS 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will be carrying out its latest construction inspection initiative throughout October 2018. This initiative will focus on health, in particular the measures in place to protect workers from occupational lung disease caused by asbestos, silica, wood and other dusts when carrying out common construction tasks.

Priority is often given to safety, but thousands more workers suffer ill-health at work than are harmed by at-work accidents. Asbestos and dust are 'slow killers'. HSE estimates that annually there are around 8,000 work-related cancer deaths. The construction industry accounts for around 3,500 of these with asbestos and silica being the major causes. Construction businesses and workers need to be aware of how dangerous and hazardous to someone's health such substances can be.

HSE inspectors will be looking to ensure those involved with construction projects know the risks, properly plan their work and use the right controls. Where poor standards are found, enforcement action will be taken.

If you would like AGA to come along to your sites and carry out a Site Inspection to see if we have any concerns, please get in touch.

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## EXCITING NEW PROJECT

AGA ARE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED ON A NEW PROJECT AT ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

The project comprises a new state of the art incubation facility to support digital and creative industries for 20 people. The works include foundations and slab, cross laminated timber panels, construction of first and second floors, installation of glazing, installation of M&E services, installation of staircase and passenger lift, decorations, associated external works.

Arts University Bournemouth campus which is located in Poole and next to Bournemouth University, can trace its roots in Poole and Bournemouth back to the 1880s, moving to and completing its first building at Fern Barrow in 1984. Over the last 30 years incremental development has given rise to buildings of varying age, format, use and design. This, combined with the intimate, well used squares and open spaces between buildings, has created a special sense of creative community at AUB.

With 3000 students, AUB is reaching capacity with limited space for further expansion and evolution. The site of the new Innovation Studio is next to and connected to the existing workshop.





# ASBESTOS AWARENESS

*WHAT IS ASBESTOS & WHY WAS IT USED?*

## SPOTLIGHT ON ASBESTOS

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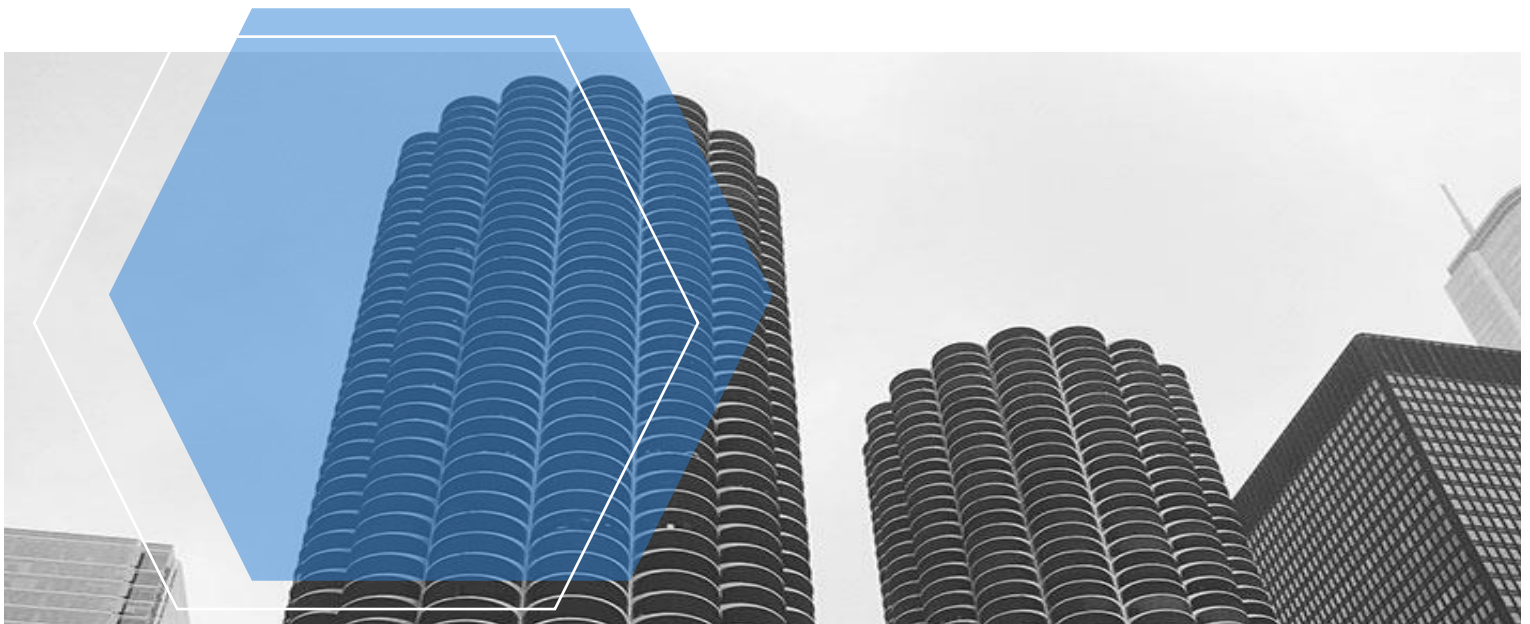
ALL AGA EMPLOYEES UNDERWENT THEIR ANNUAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS COURSE IN SEPTEMBER

Asbestos is still responsible for over 5000 deaths a year in the UK, despite it being illegal to use since 1999. Asbestos is a naturally occurring silicate material that is mined from rocks. Inhalation of asbestos fibres can cause serious and fatal illnesses including lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis (a type of pneumoconiosis).

Asbestos was used in buildings from the late 1800's with the highest levels of use being the 1950's – 1970's. Asbestos was used for a wide variety of purposes such as fire protection, acoustic insulation and to add tensile strength to other materials. In the construction industry we are most likely to come across Asbestos containing materials in pipe & boiler lagging, gaskets, Asbestos Insulation Board, flash guards in fuse boxes, rope window seals, asbestos cement roofing, guttering and chimneys, Artex, floor tiles, Fire Doors, caulking, toilet cisterns and ceiling tiles.

The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 places strict duties on the duty holder to protect all parties that may come in to contact with Asbestos during the course of their employment. With regards to Construction projects this means that a refurbishment and demolition survey must be carried out on all properties pre dating 2000 before any works commence.

For further project specific advice, please contact AGA Ltd.





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