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RIDDOR

RIDDOR's trigger point for the reporting of over-three-day injury has increased to over seven days' incapacitation.

Incapacitation is defined as the worker being absent or unable to do work that they would reasonably be expected to do as part of their normal duties.



Reporting of all "Major" injuries still remains a stipulation. This list of Major injuries includes, amongst others, fractures (except fingers etc.), dislocations - shoulder, hip, knee or spine, various losses of consciousness, requirements for resuscitation, illnesses or admittance to hospital arising from various exposures.



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TRAINING

In the final quarter of last year we found our expertise called upon in providing asbestos training. This was given to a varied array of clients, from Insurance Companies, through Educational Establishments, to trades people working for Local Authorities. It has been the experience of a number of our clients that although they have covered their Duty to Manage Asbestos, in so far as having all their stock surveyed and having a Management Plan in place, their **highest level**

of Asbestos incidents arise through contractors not using the Registers correctly or not recognising Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs).



We have found that education is the final key to minimising the risks from **uncontrolled release of fibre** from ACMs.

EXPERT WITNESS

We are proud to have been a member of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses since December 2002. Over the past year we were instructed in four cases. Our most recent re-vetting for the register was undertaken in January 2014. The largest case involvement to date was a £4.5 million damages claim based on **uncontrolled release of asbestos** contaminating a school.

