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Essential Safety: Children's Books & Books Plus



An introductory level seminar for anyone working with children's books and associated products

A one day course aimed at Production, Editors, Designers, Publishers and Sales

Delivered by Diane Greaves

Developed specifically for publishers focussed on the children's market, this interactive and stimulating day is aimed at those with little or no prior knowledge of product safety. The course gives a general overview of the subject, and of the applicable legislation, in order to familiarise you with the safety issues that children's books and associated products can pose. The presentation is illustrated throughout with samples and examples to ease understanding and provide relevant context. You will learn to recognise potential hazards in your own products and how to take the necessary steps to minimise risk.

The course introduces some key safety principles such as foreseeable use and hazard assessment in order to help you understand the way children interact with their toys and the legal framework which seeks to protect the child from unsafe products.

A general overview of current global toy legislation is given, together with a summary of how recent legislative changes have increased the requirements and responsibilities of producers of children's products.

Our course tutor, Diane Greaves, has worked in the area of children's product safety for over twenty years as a test laboratory manager, hazard and risk assessor and latterly as an independent consultant to the retail and the publishing sector. Diane sits as an independent expert on several of the Standards Committees. Her technical knowledge and common sense approach enable her to deliver this often complex subject in a lively and approachable way.

- **Safe Product** – when is a book a toy and why it makes a difference • age grading • examples of problem products
- **Testing** – the legal framework • the standards and why we need them • understanding test reports • what happens if it goes wrong
- **Essential Safety** – defining Essential Safety • foreseeable use • child behaviour • identifying hazards and minimising risks
- **International Standards** – brief overview of the differences in Toy Safety Standards around the world • recent developments
- **The Main Requirements** – Physical & Mechanical Testing • Flammability • Chemical Testing & Requirements
- **Other issues** – brief overview of other potential safety issues • electrical • cosmetics • food contact materials

Time : 9.30 – 5pm

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