

## Derisk appointed by Solihull Community Housing to carry out comprehensive audit of asbestos risk management policies

*Asbestos Risk Management experts, Derisk, were appointed by Solihull Community Housing to provide a full Asbestos Management Compliance Audit and Health Check of their policies.*



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Client: Solihull Community Housing  
Location: Solihull  
Completion Date: April 2013  
Sector: Housing - Local Authority / ALMO

### Asbestos Management Compliance Audit / Health Check

**About the project**  
Derisk were appointed by Solihull Community Housing (SCH) to carry out a comprehensive and critical audit of SCH's asbestos risk management policies, procedures and processes in line with the current statutory requirements and industry best-practice.

Solihull Community Housing is a non-profit making Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) set up and owned by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) to manage their housing stock of around 10,200 renovated homes and 1,130 household properties.

The audit consisted of horizontal and vertical assessment of all processes, incorporating the management of contractors working in properties for void refurbishment, repairs, maintenance, and specialist asbestos works. It also included the auditing of survey inspections processes, register, record keeping, training, and 'read-testing' of register information and dissemination processes on-site.

**Review of findings**  
The audit required a comprehensive knowledge of the current asbestos management statutory requirements and competence in how these should be applied for the management of asbestos in domestic housing.

The audit process also required strong communication skills as liaison was at Board Level, management and contractors levels.

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Greg Lake,  
Solihull Community Housing

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Derisk provided Solihull Community Housing (SCH) with a comprehensive and critical audit of their asbestos risk management policies, procedures and processes, to ensure that they are in line with the current statutory requirements and industry best-practice.

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#### **About Derisk**

Derisk are experts in providing competent advice to our expanding client base in respect of Health and Safety Risk Management. We specialise in all aspects of Health and Safety including Asbestos Risk Management and CDM coordination, as well as providing comprehensive Governance development and support.

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Asbestos Business Healthcheck	CDM Duties
Asbestos Management Plans	H&S Management Planning
Asbestos Training	Safety Audits
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