

FORGE ALERT | Safety Assistance

24/7

The legal, reputational and business continuity risks following a health & safety or environmental incident has never be greater. Increasing fines, more robust enforcement and increasing corporate responsibility expectations means that timely & professional help is essential.

Our experience in crisis management and the complexities of regulatory investigations has demonstrated that the first few hours & days following an incident are the most critical in protecting liabilities and demonstrating a responsible image of the business.

Think: Are you fully prepared if you had to deal today with a:

- Fatal Accident or Major workplace injury?
- Dangerous occurrence?
- Major environmental incident?
- Request to attend a PACE interview?
- Police or Regulatory Investigation?

These are real examples that can and often do occur at any time – 24/7.

Our Support

At Forge Risk we recognise that Health & Safety and Environmental (HS&E) issues are key concerns for any business. However, not every business has specialists in-house and this is where Forge Risk in partnership with our legal partners Squire Patton Boggs can help. We have developed a unique 24/7 service to support operational staff, in-house legal departments and senior management teams including the Board.

At the time of an incident it is difficult to remain objective and in control. If there has been a fatality the police will be the first investigators on site and will often treat the incident as a murder scene. Other regulators can also be very demanding at this difficult time and it is easy to say and do things that with hindsight were not in the best interests of either the company or individuals. Personal liability attaching to individuals is also a very real risk with these types of regulatory offences.

If you find yourself managing a health & safety or environmental incident and need assistance you will have access to a highly-qualified HS&E professional and an experienced Squire Patton Boggs' lawyer who will provide you with immediate, practical advice 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Our hotline number will put you in touch with an experienced HS&E lawyer.* They will be able to provide you with essential short term assistance ensuring that an incident is effectively managed from the outset.

FORGE ALERT | Safety Assistance – 24/7 – is only available to registered Forge Risk Partners.

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**Death Prohibition Notice
Explosion Dangerous occurrence
HSE Police FFI Litigation Fatality
Media Frenzy Corporate Manslaughter
Homicide Sentencing Guidelines
Prosecution Imprisonment PACE**

* Guidance given over the hotline is preliminary in nature and cannot be a substitute for actual legal advice. A formal solicitor-client engagement would have to be created before Squire Patton Boggs could give you any such advice. Use of the hotline does not create such a relationship between you and Squire Patton Boggs, nor any obligation for you to instruct Squire Patton Boggs.