



## LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION

### LEV...

*Are you complying with COSHH?*



If your work activities produce dust, mists, fumes, gas or vapours then your staff may be at serious health risk and you must take action to protect them from further risk.

The solution is the installation of a LEV system (Local Exhaust Ventilation) - convey the contaminants away from the work area to a location where it can be cleaned and then safely discharged to atmosphere.

Do you already have some form of LEV system installed - do you know if it is working properly? - The HSE estimate that many businesses who have LEV systems installed are breaking the law because they do not have them tested.

Under the COSHH Regulations you are legally obliged to ensure that your LEV system is controlling the contaminants effectively.



### THE REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT:

the system is regularly checked and maintained, that it is thoroughly examined and tested at least every 14 months (frequency is dependant on the complexity of the system and the consequences, should it go wrong).

You should also carry in your documentation:- a commissioning report, user manual, logbook and training details.

### So, are you compliant?

Did you get a commissioning report and flow diagram when the LEV system was installed detailing the system characteristics and confirming that that the system is working correctly.

Have you been given training on how to operate the system and maintain it.

Have you got a log book which details any tests conducted and records any maintenance and modifications that have been carried out on the system.

Are you controlling the contaminants for which the system was originally installed for.

Do you have a current and valid LEV test report that can be produced for inspection.

Do you know when the system is due for its next thorough examination and test.

IF you answer NO to any of the questions above then please call us on 0121 353 0176.



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