

# RISK ASSESSMENTS AND FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS

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| <b>Sector</b>       | <b>Government</b>  |
| <b>Client</b>       | <b>A Government sector with responsibilities for public access areas</b> |
| <b>Service</b>      | <b>Large scale Risk Assessments<br/>Risk Assessment Training</b>         |
| <b>Project Days</b> | <b>10</b>  |

## CLIENT PROBLEM ?

Public access areas can face particular challenges when it comes to the management of health and safety. In addition to their duty of care to ensure employees, contractors, visitors to their sites and the wider public are kept safe and healthy within their facility, they also have a high profile and any slip in health and safety standards would be widely publicized.

Furthermore, these areas must have provisions in place for the wide range of visitors that will access their areas; people of determination, children and young people, the elderly, persons who cannot read the mainly English and Arabic signage.

For this client an additional challenge was that in addition to the pedestrian movements on their premises, there was widespread vehicle and buggy activity also.

Lastly, in addition to widespread health and safety risks, fire risks were also present. Therefore a robust assessment of these were also factored into the hazard analysis.

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# Our Solution

Organisations in the UAE need to be aware of the hazards and risk within their organization in order to keep their staff and assets safe, whilst also remaining compliant with health and safety. Not understanding health and safety laws may leave a company exposed and liable to civil and/or criminal prosecutions.

In the case of this client their risk was spread over a large and public area, of particular high risk were visitors to their site, in particular children, the elderly and people of determination.

The Corporate OHS HSE Consultant therefore supported the client via:

- Risk assessing all buildings within client area and also the wider jurisdiction which came under their control
- Fire risk assessing all buildings within client area and also the wider jurisdiction which came under their control
- From the results of the risk assessment developing a bespoke and hands on course which explained risk assessment using real life risk examples from the clients own sites
- Delivering the training using a mixture of classroom and on site work - to ensure maximum attendee engagement, interaction and learning

## Summary of Outputs

Delivered to the client was a comprehensive report outlining all health and safety and fire hazard and risk within the client site.

The reports also included a timebound Action Plan for the client to follow to mitigate the risks identified.

Development and delivery of a client specific risk assessment course using the results of the risk assessments to effective maximum attendee learning.