



Health & Safety Registration Scam

We have received a warning from both the Health & Safety Executive and North Yorkshire Trading Standards that local businesses have been targeted by letters demanding between £125 and £250 to run checks and register as compliant with the Health & Safety Act 1974 and other associated legislation.

The letters are from one of the following organisations - all based in the North West of England:

‘Health and Safety Registration Enforcement Division’

‘Health and Safety Compliance Agency’

‘Health and Safety Registration Enforcement Division’

None of these “organisations” have any connection with the Health and Safety Executive, the body that, along with Environmental Health Departments, does enforce health and safety legislation.

HSE never writes indiscriminately to firms seeking advance payment for services that it has not provided.

Trading Standards recommend that businesses should ignore these letters and make no payment.

All UK organisations are required by law to register with a health and safety enforcing agency, whether it be the Health & Safety Executive or their local authority - but this service is free of charge.

If in any doubt about the law, Companies can purchase a genuine advice pack from the HSE for £30.

The Health & Safety Executive is keeping a log of the letters to assist its own fraud department and any business which receives a letter is encouraged to report it by contacting the Executive on 08701 545500.

Please also fax a copy of any such letter to the Chamber Secretariat (870025) so that we can monitor the situation and report on the scale of the problem in this area to North Yorkshire Trading Standards.

BE WARNED - THIS HAS THE HALLMARKS OF ANOTHER “DATA PROTECTION ACT” SCAM!!