

BFM environmental, health and safety services



BFM Ltd is the trade association of British Furniture Manufacturers. The organisation provides a wide range of services relating to environmental management, health and safety.



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Advice line

BFM Ltd provides advice on any areas of EHS management such as legislation, technical issues and best practice.



Site reviews

BFM Ltd offers site reviews to members to evaluate operations and assess current levels of EHS performance, with the provision of a summary report including recommendations.



Risk assessments

BFM Ltd provides risk assessment templates for key topics along with examples of completed risk assessments. We encourage member companies to conduct their own risk assessments but on-site help can also be provided.



Health and Safety Certification

BFM Ltd operates a H&S Certification scheme which has been assessed and approved by the Association of British Insurers. Certification is available to companies which can demonstrate a genuine commitment to H&S along with continual improvement of performance.



Monitoring

BFM Ltd provides a range of H&S monitoring services for its member companies including:

- Wood dust personal exposure monitoring: the Workplace Exposure Limit for wood dust is being reduced in 2020 and 2023. Personal monitoring can contribute to evidence of compliance as well as highlighting areas in which further action is required.
- Noise surveys: conduct of noise surveys including personal exposure monitoring. This exercise will help to identify any ways of reducing noise exposure as well as highlighting areas where hearing protection must be compulsory.
- Local Exhaust Ventilation testing: LEV testing can be undertaken to comply with the requirement to have such systems tested every 14 months.





Health surveillance

BFM Ltd offers a variety of health surveillance services for its member companies including:

- Audiometry (hearing tests) can be performed. These are recommended for anyone working in a hearing protection zone.
- Spirometry (breathing tests) should be considered for those working with asthmagens such as wood dust and solvents.



Seminars

BFM Ltd hold seminars on an occasional basis to give a concise guide to legal compliance, best practice and risk minimisation focusing specifically on the furniture manufacturing sector.



Update

BFM Ltd issue a monthly publication by email which contains news of EHS developments relevant to the sector as well as details of forthcoming environmental conferences and guidance etc.



Policy level representation

BFM Ltd works closely with regulators and policy formers such as DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Wood Safety Group (a collection of woodworking trade bodies that meet with the Health and Safety Executive's wood industry lead), to ensure that member views are represented during the formation and revision of policy.

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Costs

Distance services are provided as part of the BFM membership subscription such as the advice line, EHS update and policy level representation

Site visits are chargeable. For issues related to EHS, BFM Ltd offers its members a subsidised first visit each year at a rate of £125 + VAT + travel expenses. Any additional visits will be charged at the normal daily member rate of £450 + VAT + travel expenses (which is still a sizeable discount over the typical market rate).

There are additional costs for certain technical services to pay for the purchase, maintenance, calibration and upkeep of equipment along with the consumables required for testing. These are:

- **Dust monitoring:** £10 + VAT per sample (typically 5 to 7 samples can be taken in a day according to the site's needs)
- **Audiometry and spirometry:** £5 + VAT per person for a combined test or £3 + VAT per person if they are just having a single test



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