

Environment and Health & Safety

Most commercial activity and land development is subject to complex environmental and health and safety legislation. We have the expertise to help our clients to comply with that legislation and to manage any claims or prosecutions that arise from its contravention.

Environment

What we can do for you

Advise on a wide range of environmental issues that affect the way in which land, buildings and plant are used and on the legal steps necessary to permit and continue such use.

Help you in your dealings with the Environment Agency and local authorities who monitor land use, industrial site operations and waste disposal. We advise when those authorities issue preventative notices or bring prosecutions.

Benefits

Early identification of problem areas, such as the lack of an appropriate permit, permissions or licence.

Building confidence between our clients and the authorities - our clients benefit from our extensive previous dealings with the authorities involved.

How we have helped our clients : some recent examples

- Advising in relation to waste materials deposited on land being developed as a wildlife centre incorporating conservation programmes, wetlands and providing a visitors centre and educational facilities.
- Defending a large contractor on a prosecution in circumstances where imported material was believed to be permitted but found not to be so.
- Acting on behalf of clients to lodge appeals with the Secretary of State against Notices revoking Discharge Consents.
- Acting in a dispute involving a farmer and the Environment Agency regarding allegations of negligence against the Agency arising out of flood damage allegedly caused by the raising of water level within a dyke.
- Defending farmers, factory owners and site operators in relation to prosecutions brought by Statutory Authorities concerning the unlawful discharge of oil and other pollutants, under the Environmental Protection Act, Water Resources Act and other relevant legislation.

No business can ignore the safety of its employees and customers.

We can advise when accidents occur or regulations are breached.

Any illness or injury caused will lead to a potential claim by the victim and is likely to be investigated and possibly prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive, or Local Authority.

Health & Safety

What we can do for you

- Help you to establish and maintain safe working premises and practices to protect your employees and customers.
- Advise you when accidents occur or regulations are breached.

How we have helped our clients : some recent examples

- Advising various clients on health and safety issues relating to the management of trees on their land.
- Advising clients on the consequences of industrial accidents involving plant and machinery and on a range of health and safety issues.
- Advising clients in relation to their obligation to provide access to restaurants and other facilities in compliance with the Health and Safety and Disability Discrimination legislation.
- Advising clients in relation to and defending prosecutions by the Environment Agency under the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations.

Benefits

- Our clear guidance helps our clients to avoid penalties on conviction by the Statutory Authorities and the high cost of remedial steps.
- We can help our clients to manage publicity and its effects. We advise our clients appropriately to limit adverse publicity and the commercial consequences of it.
- Assisting our clients in their dealings with various Statutory Authorities - demystifying the processes.

Find out more

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