

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **'Safety First with UV Light'**

Workers exposed to artificial UV light sources have become increasingly concerned about risks to their health and safety. This is often a result of media coverage concerning the potential detrimental effects of sunlight and sunbeds, which has led to widespread misinformation and misunderstanding regarding UV light exposure in the workplace.

In response UV Light Technology Limited of Birmingham announce the launch of their unique one day health and safety training course entitled 'Safety First with UV Light'. This is designed to provide the information necessary for employers to meet their obligations for the safe use of UV light equipment and gain confidence and acceptance by the workforce.

#### **New EU Rules Concerning UV Light Exposure in the Workplace**

The new EU Optical Radiation Directive 2006/25/EC lays out the minimum health and safety requirements for the protection of workers from risks associated with exposure to artificial UV light. It puts the responsibility on the employer to determine personal UV light exposure levels, compare with exposure limit values and assess risks to employees and the necessary controls.

The 'Safety First with UV Light' course provides details of how to determine personal UV light exposure levels, assess compliance with the exposure limit values and appropriate control measures to safeguard your workers. Delegates are introduced to a step by step guide which provides a template procedure for undertaking and recording risk assessments concerning associated adverse health effects from UV light exposure from artificial sources in the workplace.

"In today's world most people understand the importance of complying with relevant regulations, but sometime it is hard to keep up with changes. This is why we designed our one day '*Safety First with UV Light*' training course" ... says Paul Jackson, Managing Director of UV Light Technology Limited. Paul has over twenty years experience working with UV light and is a widely respected senior player in this relatively youthful industry.

The training course syllabus includes:

- Employer obligations as a result of the new Optical Radiation Directive.
- The criteria for UV light equipment selection based on optimising performance whilst minimising risk.
- The definition and classification of UV light.
- The potential adverse health effects from exposure to artificial UV light including:
  - Detection, reporting and health surveillance.
  - Heightened individual and collective susceptibility.
- The UV light exposure limit values (ELV's).
- How to determine personal UV light exposure levels and assess compliance with the exposure limit values.
- The appropriate control measures, including information and training for workers.

Dates are published on the company's website [www.uv-light.co.uk](http://www.uv-light.co.uk).

In addition UV Light Technology Limited offer an extensive range of health and safety products for use in conjunction with UV light equipment, these include: their publication entitled 'Safety First with UV Light', UV eye and face protection, UV protective plastic sheet, UV bulb change kit and hazard warning signs.

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