

Health & Air Quality at Work

Some jobs and workplaces can contribute to poor respiratory health, lung disease and breathlessness. Make sure your doctor knows if you had a risky job – see list below.

Risky jobs

- HGV, bus & coach drivers
- Logistics warehouse workers
- Garage & MOT testers
- Metal workers
- Fabricators
- Farming and grain, hay or straw handling
- Powdered concrete handling
- Demolition & construction
- Construction trades – plumbers, electricians, gas fitters and plasterers

Enforcement

Air quality in your workplace comes under the [Health & Safety at Work etc. Act](#) and its regulations.

The [Health & Safety Executive](#) regulate large scale industries such as power generation, railways, chemical works, metal works and large construction sites. They can be contacted at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/contact.htm>



The local council's [Environmental Health Department](#) cover smaller premises such as offices, shops, workshops, dry cleaners and nail bars, etc.

If the company you still work at, or previously worked for, has or had an occupational health service then you may be able to access records about your workplace exposure to poor air quality and the results of any 'at work' medical checks.

[Southwark Council's Health & Safety Team](#), contactable at OHS@southwark.gov.uk, can advise which agency enforces the health & safety laws at any workplace of concern. We can also advise whether a company you worked for still exists and if it has, or had an occupational health service.

