



# Risk Management Ltd

## Waste Industry Alert!

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If you manage, operate or work in the Local Authority waste and recycling industry this edition is for you.

HSE plans to inspect **EVERY** Local Authority waste and recycling collection service between now and April 2016, no matter when your last inspection was.

Are you compliant? Do you know what the focus of the inspections will be? Do you need assurance prior to their visit? Read on to see where I can help

## 2015/16 HSE Inspection of LA household waste and recycling

It may not seem long since your waste and recycling collection services were inspected by HSE and you'd be right in thinking that but its about to happen again. After just 1 year off HSE is planning to inspect all 380 local authority services. Those LAs who were inspected in the early part of the 2011-14 initiative will be prioritised along with new waste partnerships.

As the former HSE Lead Inspector for waste in the North-West I can help you through this process. A pre-emptive audit by me, prior to HSE intervention will identify any areas that would cause you to be found in breach by the Inspector. This could save you a lot of anxiety prior to inspection and a potentially sizeable bill afterwards.

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#### SERVICES PROVIDED

- Snapshot Inspection / Audit
- Independent Investigation
- Bespoke Training
- Sensible, Proportionate Advice
- Expert witness service
- Consultancy tailored for you
- Legal Case Working
- Regulatory Insight



## Why Target Waste and Recycling?

The answer is simple. If you work in the waste and recycling industry you are 6 times more likely to die at work and 5 times more likely to be injured than the national average.

5 people were killed in incidents in the waste and recycling sector during 2013/14. 486 people suffered major and a further 1565 suffered over 7 day injuries according to HSE figures.

These figures are significantly lower than previous years with fatal incidents over 50% down but the numbers still demonstrate the industry carries a huge burden of both human and financial cost.

So what else can you do?

Much resource has been sunk into equipment, training, systems of work, assessment, management of contracts and contractors, vehicles and improvements to protect the public but are you confident that your systems are working?

LA budgets have been squeezed and managerial and supervisory posts have been cut leading to a lack of assurance in the services.

By using my unique insight into what is required and inviting me to carry out a full audit of your services I can provide you with assurance, identify gaps and help put things right before HSE does the same and charges you a lot more for the privilege.



*Standards in the industry have improved significantly but are you confident the changes you have made are effective and working on the ground? Supervision, monitoring and review are just as important.*

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## What could HSE invoices cost me?

If during an inspection you are found in material breach of the law HSE will charge for the entire visit at a rate of **£124 per hour**. HSE is expecting the initial inspection to take 1 day (7.5 hours). **My view is that this is unrealistic and that it will take much longer**. The Inspector has 58 questions to answer that cover most aspects of the service you provide. I believe at least 2 Inspector days will be required.

Find yourself in material breach and the cost to your organisation could look like this;

2 x 7.5 hours Inspection	= 15 hours	Admin & notice writing	= 2.5 hours
Follow up visit	= 2.5 hours	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= 20 hours</b>

**Cost for Fee For Intervention - £2480.**

Engaging a consultant with a deep understanding of the waste sector and particularly this type of intervention could save you at least the figures quoted above but more importantly it will ensure that your service is compliant and provides a safe service for your employees and the public.

If you require assistance to prepare for or deal with an intervention please get in touch.