



# BRITSAFE LEVEL 1

## AWARD IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING FOR MAJOR ACCIDENTS

106/5262/1





# Introduction:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Emergency Response Planning for Major Accidents offers foundational expertise in preparing for low-probability, high-consequence events that demand rapid, coordinated response across technical, operational, and managerial lines. Specifically developed for individuals in supervisory, control room, or frontline coordination roles within high-risk industries such as chemical processing, energy, transportation, and manufacturing this qualification introduces core principles of emergency planning, scenario mapping, escalation control, and post-incident stabilization. Learners explore the structure of tiered emergency response systems, legal requirements under the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations, and the integration of emergency plans with external emergency services. The course emphasizes practical decision-making under uncertainty, resource mobilization, and the preservation of life, assets, and environmental integrity. By linking regulatory expectations with operational realities, the award builds essential competence for those tasked with supporting or initiating structured response procedures when critical incidents occur.

## Qualification Regulation and Support:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Emergency Response Planning for Major Accidents is developed and awarded by Britsafe™ Qualifications UK Limited. The qualification aligns with UK emergency preparedness legislation, including COMAH and associated dutyholder responsibilities. All assessment and quality assurance measures are maintained under the awarding body's regulated framework.

## Key facts:

<b>Qualification Number:</b>	<b>106/5262/1</b>
<b>Minimum Contact Hours:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Guided Learning Hours:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Credit Value:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Credential Status:</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>Assessment Method:</b>	<b>Multiple-choice examination</b>



## Qualification Overview and Objective:

The Britsafe Level 1 Award in Emergency Response Planning for Major Accidents is designed for individuals involved in the preparation for major accidents. Participants acquire knowledge and skills related to risk assessment, emergency response planning, and coordination strategies. This qualification ensures compliance with legal requirements, contributing to effective and organized responses in the event of major accidents.

The objective of the qualification is to:

- Understand the principles of emergency response planning for major accidents.
- Identify potential risks and hazards requiring major accident response.
- Learn effective strategies for emergency response planning.
- Gain knowledge of coordination and communication in major accident scenarios.
- Demonstrate compliance with legal requirements for emergency response planning.

## Entry Requirements:

To register for this qualification, learners are required to meet the following entry requirements:

- Must be aged 16 and over
- Participants should have a basic understanding of the English language to effectively engage with course materials and assessments.
- This course is open to individuals of all backgrounds and experience levels who have an interest in workplace health and safety.

## Geographical Coverage:

This qualification is suitable for delivery in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and can be offered internationally.

## Delivery/Assessment Ratios:

To effectively deliver this qualification, centres are recommended not to exceed the ratio of 1 Qualified Tutor to 12 Learners in any one instance. If centres wish to increase the recommended ratio, they must first inform your dedicated Britsafe™ accounts manager before doing so.

## Centre Requirements:

To effectively deliver this qualification, centres should have the following resources in place:

- Classroom with suitable seating and desks; and
- High-quality teaching and learning resources.

## Guidance on Delivery:

The total qualification time (TQT) for this qualification is 4-hours and of this 4-hours is recommended as guided learning (GL). TQT is an estimate of the total number of hours it would take an average learner to achieve and demonstrate the necessary level of attainment to be awarded with a qualification, both under direct supervision (forming Guided Learning Hours) and without supervision (all other time). TQT and GLH values are advisory and assigned to a qualification as guidance.





## Guidance on Assessment:

This qualification is assessed through a multiple-choice question exam.

- Centre's must take all reasonable steps to avoid any part of the assessment of a learner (including any internal quality assurance and invigilation) being undertaken by any person who has a personal interest in the result of the assessment.
- Centres must follow Britsafe™ Examination and Invigilation Procedures. Completed examination papers are to be returned to Britsafe™ for marking or If in case of online examination; records shall be updated on EMS portal accordingly.

## Guidance on Quality Assurance:

Britsafe™ requires centres to have in place a robust mechanism for internal quality assurance. Britsafe™ will support centres by conducting ongoing engagements to ensure and verify the effective and efficient delivery, quality assurance and invigilation of the qualification.

## Tutor Requirements:

Britsafe™ recommends nominated tutors for this qualification meet the following requirements:

- A relevant health and safety qualification at Level 3 or higher,
- Membership of a professional body (e.g., IOSH, IIRSM) is desirable.
- Hold a relevant subject area qualification/or be occupationally competent.
- Hold a recognized teaching/training qualification (or suitable equivalent).
- Level 3 Award in Education and Training (AET) or Train The Trainer.







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