

BRITSAFE LEVEL 2 AWARD IN DIRECTING SAFELY



Introduction:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Directing Safely is a strategically oriented qualification designed for company directors, senior executives, and decision-makers who hold ultimate accountability for the safety and health performance of their organisation. This course provides a critical understanding of how board-level leadership influences corporate safety governance, legal liability, and operational outcomes. It examines directors' duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act, and relevant HSE and Institute of Directors (IoD) guidance, equipping participants to embed health and safety into business strategy, risk management, and corporate culture. Through real-world scenarios and structured frameworks, learners gain the capability to review performance metrics, allocate resources effectively, scrutinize compliance, and lead through example in complex, risk-intensive sectors. By translating regulatory expectations into boardroom action, this qualification enables senior leaders to direct with assurance, drive accountability across all levels, and protect the organisation's people, reputation, and legal standing.

Qualification Regulation and Support:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Directing Safely is developed and awarded by Britsafe™ Qualifications UK Limited. The qualification aligns with the Health and Safety at Work Act, Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act, and IoD/HSE guidance for board-level responsibilities. All assessments and quality assurance are delivered within the awarding body's regulated qualification framework.

Key facts:

Qualification Number:	106/5281/2
Minimum Contact Hours:	8
Guided Learning Hours:	8
Credit Value:	1
Credential Status:	Award
Assessment Method:	Multiple-choice examination



Qualification Overview and Objective:

The Britsafe Level 2 Award in Directing Safely is designed for directors and individuals in strategic leadership roles. Participants acquire advanced knowledge and skills in safety leadership, strategic risk assessment, and legal considerations. This qualification ensures compliance with legal requirements and prepares individuals for directing safety initiatives at the organizational level.

The objective of the qualification is to:

- Understand the responsibilities of directors in ensuring workplace safety.
- Identify and assess safety risks at the strategic level.
- Learn effective strategies for directing and overseeing safety initiatives.
- Gain knowledge of legal and ethical considerations in safety leadership.
- Demonstrate compliance with legal requirements for directing safely.

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 8-hours and of this 8-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 BritsafeTM 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.



