

# NEBOSH CONFERENCE

COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY ARENA

COVENTRY, UK – 1 JULY 2026



Timing	Topic
8.30 - 9.30	<b>Arrival. Registration and Coffee</b>
9.30 – 10.00	<b>Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 – What does it mean for OSH?</b> While often seen as a security issue, the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, is at its core, about managing risk, something health and safety practitioners do every day. This practical session will examine the implications of the new duties and the differences between Standard and Enhanced Tier requirements. Attendees will leave with clear, sensible takeaways and the confidence to view the new requirements as an extension of the skills they already use to keep people safe. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Matt Powell-Howard (Director of Product Development – NEBOSH)</li><li>- David Pearson (Managing Director – Premier Partnership)</li></ul>
10.00 – 10.30	<b>The (Mental) Health and Safety at Work Act 1974: it's not new!</b> In this session, Mat will explore the long-standing legal duty under Section 2, examining how it applies to mental health and wellbeing in the workplace. He will also consider the implications of the new British Standard on Suicide in the Workplace and the potential for enforcement action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Matthew Breakell (Partner - Corporate Insurance &amp; Risk – Regulatory – DAC Beachcroft)</li></ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>How to ensure the occupational health support you source is right for your business</b> This session, led by an HSE Inspector, will help you assess whether your occupational health provision is appropriate, effective, and compliant with legal requirements. You'll be guided through key considerations that will help you ensure you identify a service that will match your organisation's needs whilst also standing up to scrutiny. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Julie Wood (HM Principal Specialist Inspector (Occupational Health) – Health and Safety Executive)</li></ul>
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Artificial Intelligence in Occupational Safety: From Concept to Practical Application</b> Artificial intelligence is increasingly influencing how organisations identify risk, monitor compliance and improve safety performance - but what does this mean in practice for OSH professionals? This session draws on insights from Phoenix Health & Safety's exclusive NEBOSH Verified Artificial Intelligence – Application in OSH course, to offer attendees a clear, real-world perspective on how AI can be integrated into existing safety strategies to support proactive risk management. It will provide an overview of current AI applications including predictive risk analytics, intelligent safety management systems and emerging technologies such as computer vision and wearables. Key considerations around governance, ethics and responsible implementation will also be considered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rob Burgon (Lead Trainer – Phoenix Health and Safety)</li></ul>

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12.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Normal Is the New Risk: Rethinking Health, Work and Leadership in a Slow-Burn Crisis</b></p> <p>We are living through a health crisis that doesn't look like one. It doesn't arrive with sirens, it settles quietly into statistics, waiting lists, workforce inactivity and rising NHS spend. When 65–80% of people describe themselves as "healthy," yet the nation is sicker, more absent, and increasingly dependent on downstream care, we must ask: have we confused normal with healthy? In this thought-provoking session, Dr Julie Riggs explores the £150 billion blind spot hiding in plain sight, the slow, cumulative decline in workforce health that organisations have learned to live with. Drawing on national data, changing workforce dynamics, and a prevention-first philosophy, this talk challenges leaders and safety professionals to redraw the boundary between public health and workplace responsibility. It is a call to stop managing absence and start preventing its causes and to decide what we will no longer normalise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr Julie Riggs (Education &amp; Membership Director – British Safety Council)</li></ul>
12.30 – 13.30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
13.30 – 14.00	<p><b>The digitisation dilemma: balancing progress with worker protection</b></p> <p>Digitalisation is moving faster than ever – and businesses that ignore its human impact risk falling behind. IOSH's white paper, 'The Digitalisation Dilemma', reveals critical gaps in worker safety, health, wellbeing and ethics during tech adoption. Join this presentation to uncover the biggest risks, hear insights from over 1,000 global leaders, and learn practical solutions such as embedding safety-by-design and resilience into your digital strategy, along with clear calls to action. Don't miss the chance to future-proof your organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr Shaun Lundy (President Elect – IOSH)</li></ul>
14.00 – 14.30	<p><b>From Compliance to Commitment: Engaging Employees in Safety</b></p> <p>In this dynamic session Carla will explore how we implement the critical shift from traditional compliance-based safety approaches to creating genuine employee commitment and engagement in workplace safety culture. Moving beyond tick-box exercises and mandatory training, this session will demonstrate practical strategies for transforming safety from something employees have to do into something they want to do. Participants will discover how to foster intrinsic motivation, build psychological safety, and create environments where workers become active partners in safety rather than passive recipients of the rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Carla Crocombe (Founder and Managing Director – Safety Rocks)</li></ul>
14.30 – 15.00	<p><b>Future-Proofing OSH: Findings from the OSH Skills Commission Report</b></p> <p>Join RoSPA as we unveil the key findings from the OSH Skills Commission, bringing together insights from five expert-led roundtables on recruitment, retention, worker representation, wellbeing, and technology. This webinar will outline strategic recommendations to strengthen competence, address skills gaps, and build a resilient and future-ready workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jules Robinson (OSH &amp; Falls Manager – RoSPA)</li></ul>
15.00 – 15.15	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
15.15 – 17.00	<p><b>Mock Trial</b></p>