

Hazardous Materials

At MOD Shoeburyness we work with a wide variety of explosive and flammable substances. These are transported, stored and used at locations across the site on a daily basis. This creates the potential for an unplanned explosion and/or fire.

Some of the materials used on the site are classified as hazardous. As such, they are stored and handled under carefully controlled, strictly regulated and licensed conditions. In the unlikely event of a major accident on the site, the surrounding area could be affected.

Potential Effects

In the event of a fire, associated smoke should disperse but depending on weather conditions, there could be an impact on the local area. Anyone in the near vicinity may experience the effects associated with smoke inhalation e.g. irritation to the eyes and respiratory system.

In the event of an unplanned explosion, it is possible that there will be minor damage to buildings in the near vicinity. For these reasons, QinetiQ at MOD Shoeburyness is subject to the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 2015.

COMAH & Emergency Planning

The COMAH Regulations are enforced by the competent authorities, namely the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and the Environment Agency (EA). The purpose of the regulations is to prevent and mitigate the effects of major accidents involving dangerous substances which can potentially cause serious harm or injury to people and/or damage to the environment.

Safety is both our business and our first priority. As a responsible company, we co-operate fully with the HSE and the EA to minimise any risk to employees, neighbours and the environment. QinetiQ has an excellent safety track record and representatives from the competent authorities inspect



and monitor site activities regularly to make sure that working practices and facilities meet with the required standards.

Under COMAH, MOD Shoeburyness is classed as an 'upper-tier' site. As an operator of such a site, QinetiQ is required to fulfil specific obligations including preparing and submitting a safety report to the competent authorities and communicating with the public. It is our responsibility to inform people living and working in the nearby community about the potential hazards associated with site activities and what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency.

This notification does not represent any change in the business of the site or any increased risk to public safety.

QinetiQ has well established emergency procedures for dealing with any major accident on the Shoeburyness site. These procedures are contained within the internal and external site emergency plans.

These plans have been written by QinetiQ in consultation with the principal emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance), and Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Rochford District Council.

The site is supervised 24 hours a day, all year round and our employees are trained to manage emergencies. In the event of an emergency, QinetiQ is responsible for liaising with the emergency services to minimise the impact of the incident.

During an emergency, you are strongly advised to co-operate with all instructions or requests from the emergency services.

Shoeburyness Emergency Alert Service - Register Now!

In the unlikely event of an emergency that may affect you, QinetiQ is committed to warning and informing you as quickly and effectively as possible. The Shoeburyness Emergency Alert Service (SEAS) provided by Everbridge is a free of charge alert and update system that delivers relevant and critical messages to you using the delivery method of your choice.

When you register you can choose to receive emergency alerts and updates on your mobile phone via SMS (text), by voice to your landline or mobile phone or by e-mail.

SEAS messages are prioritised on the mobile networks to ensure that your SMS updates are not delayed by network congestion. Your details will be held in secure data facilities and will only be used to send emergency messages.

Register for the MOD Shoeburyness Member Portal online today at <http://ow.ly/QHCqS> or complete and return the form overleaf in the FREEPOST envelope provided.

Useful Telephone Numbers

- Shoeburyness Emergency Alert Service Help: 0800 0560108
- Shoeburyness Emergency Update Line: 0800 2215417 (for the latest information during an emergency)



Working in co-operation with:



Shoeburyness Emergency Alert Service (SEAS) Registration Form

We recommend that you register online for the Everbridge Member Portal as you will be able to take advantage of more options to customise your alerts. Go to <http://ow.ly/QHCqS>

If you are not able to register online, please complete the form below, detach and return it in the pre-paid envelope supplied.

Personal Details

First Name

Surname

Address inc Postcode

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Contact Options

In the event of an emergency at MOD Shoeburyness, I would like to be contacted via: (please tick your references and enter your contact details)

Voice Message

Tel. No.

SMS (Text) Messages

Mobile No.

E-mail

E-mail Address

Authorisation

Please sign here to authorise QinetiQ to add your details to the SEAS database.

Signed

Date

Data Protection - Your personal data is protected in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act 1998. The information you disclose will only be used by the QinetiQ Group for the stated purpose and will not be passed on to any third parties.



Emergency Instructions: Go In, Stay In, Tune In

In the unlikely event of an emergency that may affect you, the emergency services/local authority/QinetiQ will inform you of what action to take.

Unless instructed otherwise, we suggest that you follow the safety instructions below. Please read them carefully and make sure that anyone living in, working at or visiting your premises is made aware of them.

1. Go In

- If you are indoors, stay where you are.
- If you are outdoors, go immediately into a building.
- Close and stay away from all doors and windows.
- Close or switch off all ventilation systems
- Go to and stay in a room the furthest away from the site of the accident.
- If you are travelling by vehicle, close all windows and ventilation systems.

2. Stay In

- DO NOT leave the building until you have been given the "All Clear" via one of the "TUNE IN" channels below.

3. Tune In

- Turn on your radio and tune in to one of the following local stations.
Southend Radio 105.1FM
Heart SX FM - 96.3FM or 102.6FM
Essex BBC - 95.3FM or 103.5FM
- Listen for public announcements and continue to co-operate fully by following the instructions.
- If possible, check your mobile phone/e-mail regularly for updates (SEAS registered members only).

Emergency Updates

During an emergency you can get updates by "TUNING IN" as described above or by calling the Shoeburyness Emergency Update Line on **0800 2215417**. Please **do not** call the emergency services for updates.

These instructions are important for your safety. Please make those who live/work in, or visit your building aware of the advice and keep this leaflet in a safe, easily accessible place.

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Public Safety Information For residents and businesses located near to MOD Shoeburyness



About QinetiQ

QinetiQ is one of the world's leading defence technology and security companies. In today's world, the challenges faced by governments to detect, identify and respond to both defence and homeland security threats requires the most advanced technical capabilities science can offer... that is our business.

QinetiQ manages the site at Shoeburyness and Foulness on behalf of the MOD (Ministry of Defence), providing defence test and evaluation and training capabilities which help ensure the safety and effectiveness of munitions used by the UK armed forces.

The site has been used as a military firing range since 1849 and covers approximately 9,300 acres.



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