

## About QinetiQ

Our purpose is protecting lives by serving the national security interests of our customers. We offer our customers world-class expertise in advice, services (particularly test and evaluation) and innovative technology-based products. We deploy our scientific and technological knowledge, proven research capabilities and unique, purpose-built facilities to provide both services and products that meet the needs of a wide range of global customers. We operate primarily in the defence, security and critical national infrastructure markets.

QinetiQ manages the site at Shoeburyness and Foulness Island 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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### 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 emergency instructions on the back page. Please read them carefully and make sure that anyone living in, working at, or visiting your premises is made aware of them.

### Emergency Updates

During an emergency you can get updates by "TUNING IN" as described on the back page or by calling the Shoeburyness Emergency Update Line on 01822 667691. Please do not call the emergency services for updates.

## Emergency Instructions

### 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

- Tune in to local stations: Radio Essex 105.1FM; BBC Essex 95.3FM.
- Check for updates and announcements on local radio and social media news and co-operate fully by following any instructions issued.
- If possible, check your mobile phone/e-mail regularly for updates (SEAS registered members only).

These instructions are important for your safety. Please make those who live/work in, or visit your premises 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



# COMAH & Emergency Planning

QinetiQ's work at MOD Shoeburyness is subject to the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 2015.

The COMAH Regulations are enforced by the Competent Authority, 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 and materials, 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. Representatives from the Competent Authority 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 Authority, 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 MOD Shoeburyness site. These procedures are contained within the internal and external site emergency plans.

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

Further information on the latest planned COMAH site visit by the Competent Authority is available from [www.hse.gov.uk/comah](http://www.hse.gov.uk/comah).

## Hazardous Materials

At MOD Shoeburyness we work with a wide variety of energetic, explosive and flammable substances including UN Class 1 Explosives. Other materials are classified as hazardous and are used at locations across the site on a daily basis.



They are stored, transported and handled under carefully controlled, strictly regulated and licensed conditions to reduce any risk of an adverse incident. In the unlikely event of a major accident on the site, the surrounding area could be affected by a fire and/or explosion.

## Potential Effects

In the event of a fire, associated smoke should disperse but depending on weather conditions, it could reach areas beyond the site. Anyone in the near vicinity may experience the effects associated with smoke inhalation i.e. 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.

## 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 critical messages to you using the delivery methods of your choice.

When you register you can choose to receive emergency alerts and updates on your mobile phone via 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 updates are not delayed by congestion. Your details will be held in secure data facilities and will only be used to send emergency messages.



Register online today at <http://ow.ly/QHCqS>. If you can't register online, you can register by calling our Careline on 0800 0560108.



## Useful Telephone Numbers

- Shoeburyness Emergency Alert Service Help (Careline): 0800 0560108
- Shoeburyness Emergency Update Line: 01822 667691 (for the latest information during an emergency)

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