

# Advanced Fly Tipping: Investigation and Enforcement



## COURSE INFORMATION:

Fly tipping is a criminal offence and carries significant penalties of up to five years imprisonment and/or unlimited fines.

Fly tipped waste harms the environment, creates safety hazards and affects communities.

## COURSE DURATION:

This course is 2-days in length.

It can be delivered both virtually and in-person.

## AUDIENCE

This course has been designed for Local Authority officers involved in the investigation, enforcement and prosecution of fly tipping and householder duty of care offences including:

- Environmental Enforcement Officer
- Environmental Crime Officers
- Waste Management Officers
- Community Wardens
- Community Safety Officers
- Intelligence Officers
- Team Leaders
- Managers
- Lawyers

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

### Session one: Introduction to fly tipping

Objective: Understand what fly tipping is and its impact on communities and the environment.

- Overview of the scale of the problem
- Common sites for fly tipping
- Environmental, economic and health impacts of fly tipping
- Roles of local authorities and the Environment Agency
- Legislation

### Session two: Identifying fly tipping incidents

Objective: Identify and categorise fly tipping incidents.

- Common categories of fly tipping
- Differentiating between illegal dumping and legitimate waste disposal
- Mapping and monitoring fly tipping hotspots and high-risk areas
- Developing a risk-based approach to incidents, investigations and enforcement

### Session three: Reporting, intelligence and partnership working

Objective: Consider how to build effective partnerships to reduce and prevent fly tipping.

- Creating an effective reporting system
- Working with the Environment Agency and other partners
- Collaborating with local residents, businesses and community groups
- Understanding the importance of intelligence
- Effective use of data and intelligence-sharing with other agencies

### Session four: Investigation techniques for enforcement and investigation officers

Objective: Learn effective techniques for investigating fly tipping.

- Initial response and identifying scenes
- Documenting and handling evidence
- Identifying the source of fly tipped waste
- Working with witnesses
- Investigatory powers, including powers under the Environment Act 1995
- How open source and internet investigation can assist investigations
- Considering householder duty of care offences

### Session five: Surveillance

Objective: Explore methods of gathering intelligence and evidence to reduce and detect fly tipping.

- Use of CCTV and public cameras in fly tipping investigations
- Use of covert cameras and techniques to tackle fly tipping

### Session six: Legal frameworks and enforcement action

Objective: Understand the legal framework for taking action and what enforcement options are available.

- Understand the legal penalties for fly tipping
- Issuing fixed penalty notices
- Working with legal teams to build strong prosecution cases
- Considering other court orders and compensation