ARCH **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Distilleries - Risk Management Considerations

Across the UK, craft breweries, wineries and spirit distilleries have seen a significant surge in recent years. However, the process of distilling hard alcohol such as whiskey, gin and rum naturally come with a number of risks to consider, arising from large equipment (including fire and explosion), toxic fumes and other potentially harmful elements.

These key considerations will staff and others including suppliers, contactors, and visitors, i.e. anyone who works in/on, or visits the premises, including any associated vehicles used.

Key Considerations for Distilleries (& Micro-Breweries)

1. How do you mitigate the risk of fire and/or explosion?
2. What precautions do you take to reduce the risk of chemical burns, the inhalation of noxious fumes or the dangers associated with work in confined spaces?
3. How do you protect your staff from dangerous levels of noise exposure and resultant damage to hearing?
4. Do you carry out regular risk assessments in order to identify work-related hazards and evaluate the risks associated with them?
5. Many distilleries provide tours of their facilities. How do you ensure you have the necessary safeguards in place to protect customers or anyone else that visits your premises?
6. Distilleries, by nature, tend to contain lots of liquids, mists, and sprays, creating hazards such as wet and slippery surfaces. How do you deal with the risks of working in this sort of environment?particular risks being specific to business needs and insurance underwritten.

Relevant eLearning modules include:

- ✓ Slips Trips and Falls
- ✓ Manual Handling
- ✓ Confined Spaces
- ✓ Work at Height
- ✓ Chemicals
- ✓ Noise Awareness
- ✓ Risk Assessment
- ✓ Workplace Equipment
- ✓ Display Screen Equipment
- ✓ Manging First Aid
- ✓ Fire Safety
- ✓ Managing Stress (HR)
- ✓ Mental Health Awareness (HR)
- ✓ Effective Questioning and Listening (HR)

The above are part of the current 23 eLearning modules available within the Arch Risk Management website.

Find out more

- Sign into the Arch Risk Management portal (available to all Arch eligible policyholders).
- Click the 'Key Risks' section for more detailed information and guidance.
- Learn about the health and safety issues that can impact your business, as well as all the resources, e-learning modules and support to enable you to manage them.

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