Asbestos 2026: BOHS and FAAM organise 9th asbestos conference as safety concerns rise across the UK

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The British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) and the Faculty of Asbestos Assessment and Management (FAAM) are hosting the Asbestos 2026 Conference, taking place on 29–30 April 2026 in Birmingham. The event will bring together researchers, regulators, industry leaders and practitioners to discuss the latest developments in the assessment, control and management of asbestos risks.

The conference comes at a time of heightened attention on asbestos safety in the UK. BOHS experts have recently warned about several emerging concerns, including the presence of asbestos contamination in children's play sand, the rise of fraudulent asbestos surveyors, and gaps in national oversight of asbestos risks in schools.

These developments have reinforced calls for stronger awareness, improved competence in asbestos surveying and management, and better transparency around asbestos risks in public buildings.

Jonathan Grant, FAAM Registrar said: "The annual FAAM conference brings the latest insights on the detection of asbestos to a broad audience in an understandable way. As the only non-commercial and science-led event in the asbestos field, it provides definitive access to the information we need to support the control of the UK's biggest man-made environmental cancer risk."

The Asbestos 2026 Conference aims to address these issues directly, providing a platform for the latest scientific research, technical guidance and policy discussion.

Experts attending the event will explore topics including:

- Advances in asbestos surveying and analytical techniques
- Improving competence and standards in asbestos assessment
- Emerging challenges in asbestos management and remediation
- Technological innovations and future developments in the sector
- Policy developments and regulatory approaches

The conference is the ninth annual asbestos event organised by BOHS and FAAM, bringing together professionals from across the asbestos and occupational hygiene sectors.

Through technical presentations, expert discussions and networking opportunities, the event aims to support better professional practice and strengthen the systems that protect workers and the public from asbestos exposure.

Asbestos remains one of the most significant occupational health hazards in the UK, and improving how it is identified, assessed and managed continues to be a priority for occupational hygiene professionals.

By bringing together leading experts and practitioners, the conference will help shape the next steps in tackling the UK's ongoing asbestos legacy.

More information and to book your place:

https://events.bohs.org/event/asbestos-2026

Notes to editors

- The British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) is the Chartered Society for worker health protection.
- Its Faculty of Asbestos Assessment and Management (FAAM) represents professionals specialising in asbestos surveying, analysis and management.

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