



The Thomas Ashton Institute for Risk and Regulatory Research: Delivering research, learning and regulatory insights that widen the global conversation to enable a better working world.

As a partnership between the Health and Safety Executive and the University of Manchester, the Institute brings together regulatory insight and the combined academic and research excellence of both organisations to address the most pressing issues in health, safety and risk. Together, we create solutions that shape policy, advance research and improve lives.

Why Partner with the Thomas Ashton Institute?

Today's challenges in health, safety and risk demand collaboration that bridges regulation, academia, policy and practice—because isolated research is not enough.

We bring together regulatory knowledge, academic input, research rigour and technical expertise to tackle complexity from every angle—ensuring evidence translates into action and delivers measurable improvements in safety, health and resilience. Together, we create workplaces and societies that are safer today and ready for tomorrow's challenges.

Our Value Proposition

- **Access to Combined Academic, Regulatory and Research Expertise:** We bring together Great Britain's national regulator, leading academics, and technical specialists across physical, engineering, medical, and social sciences.
- **Innovative, Co-Produced Research:** Unlike conventional institutes, we work with you to co-create solutions that are evidence-based, practical, and tailored to your sector.
- **Rapid, Impactful Delivery:** Leveraging the UK's National Health & Safety Laboratory and the University of Manchester's world-class facilities, we assemble the right team to deliver measurable, sustainable improvements at pace.
- **System-Level Insight:** Our unique view of incidents and emerging risks enables us to identify patterns, anticipate challenges, and design interventions that work in real-world contexts.
- **Accelerated Routes to Impact:** Through our extensive networks in government, industry, and academia, we ensure your solutions are actionable and drive transformational change.
- **Access to Professional Services Expertise:** Our Professional Services colleagues across Thomas Ashton, SALIENT and NSEC provide end-to-end support to maximise the success of your projects. From shaping and refining research proposals to convening the right expertise across HSE, the University of Manchester and beyond, we ensure your ideas are developed into actionable plans.

The Result

When you work with the Thomas Ashton Institute, you gain a trusted partner who helps you frame the right questions, solve complex problems and create safer, healthier workplaces and societies.