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A Guide to Insurance for a Safe Demining

The business of humanitarian demining in particular, and of mine action in general, is a relatively new business, starting in the late 1980s. Since then it has experienced rapid growth to become a multi-million US dollars sector of the relief and development community. Operating as it does in a labour intensive and high risk environment, insurance for mine action is fundamental to the management of risk.

The International Mine Action Standards – IMAS - states that employers should ‘*ensure that adequate insurance cover exists for all employees against death, disablement and injury*’. While most mine action operators have some sort of insurance cover, there has until now been little published guidance available, as to how the level and types of insurance should be chosen.

The Guide aims to inform national mine action authorities, programme managers, organisational directors, consultants, and individuals in programmes, about the issues involved in acquiring and maintaining insurance cover for mine action operations and programmes.

The Guide covers four areas :

- personal accident insurance ;
- public liability insurance ;
- issue of residual liability ;
- renewal of an insurance policy.

The Guide is not an operational handbook, nor does it provide advice on which insurance company or policy should be used. Rather, it is an information resource on mine action related insurance that should assist in decision making, programme planning, and research.

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