



Product liability and safety

Blake Morgan's regulatory risk and compliance lawyers advise on product liability and safety issues.

Our team is able to provide you with the full spectrum of legal services required to deal with this complex and commercially sensitive area. Our work advising regulatory agencies and public bodies puts our team in an ideal position to provide you with bespoke and objective advice in relation to product liability and safety issues.

We regularly advise companies subject to criminal investigations and prosecutions initiated by enforcing authorities, and companies involved in civil litigation arising from product issues. We also provide compliance advice for both established and start-up businesses.

“The team is very responsive to the demands placed on them and always provides timely advice and support.”

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Our client base includes:

- UK trading entities of large multinationals and PLCs
- Large national 'household name companies'
- SMEs, micro businesses and start-ups
- Directors concerned with individual liabilities
- Regulatory Agencies and Public Bodies

Our lawyers have advised clients in relation to the following product safety issues:

- Defective electrical goods for both industry and consumers
- Supply of non-compliant machinery
- Toy safety
- Defective stationery
- Contaminated food, food supplements and food contact materials
- Medical equipment

Our work falls into the following areas:

- Criminal defence - in criminal investigations and criminal prosecutions
- Coroners' investigations and inquests
- Appeals against enforcement notices
- Reputation management
- Proceedings under the Enterprise Act 2002
- Raids and searches
- Advice relating to compliance and reporting, and corrective action programmes (including recall)
- Defending and pursuing civil claims for compensation for breach of contract/negligence/strict liability

Examples of the instructions handled by members of Blake Morgan's product safety team include:

- Advising a PLC in relation to an EU wide recall of consumer products following a serious injury to a member of the public
- Advising an SME in relation to the recall of non-compliant stationery products across the UK
- Advising a food business in relation to a contamination incident, and subsequent international recall operation

- Advising a large national company in relation to a public inquiry concerning product safety
- Advising a large company on operational aspects of a national market surveillance and recall programme
- Advising an international manufacturer, importer and retailer of small consumer appliances in relation to food and electrical safety issues and corrective measures
- Advising a global infant products brand effecting product replacement and corrective measures to product line because of health concerns following reports of sickness
- Advising a producer and retailer as to EU wide reporting obligations and corrective measures in relation to a consumer good posing an unacceptable risk of injury

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- Defective product correction advice to manufacturer and business-to-business retailer effecting product replacement of a defective electronics part produced by its sub-contractor
- Advising an end producer of product containing a defective component as to its defence and pursuit of contractual claims up and down the supply chain
- Successful defence for a global pharmaceutical company of a defective product claim in relation to prescription drugs.



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