

Bringing you the latest in fire safety news, features and information. Receive our news daily on Twitter!

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To protect the homes of elderly people by assessing fire risks
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Protect your building before it is too late
- ➔ **South Essex Homes Has Been Praised for Approach to Fire Safety**
Sir Knight commends on the completion of the first stage of a £3m fire safety project

➔ **New Fire Safety Guidance's Have Been Released For Tower Blocks**
This was created following concerns from landlords and risk assessors that existing regulations did not properly cover tower blocks.
Download your copy here.

Interesting Discussion Topics

As a member of various fire safety forums, I often visit the group debates and check out the recent discussions. This week, I was involved in a forum called;

"The RRO says the Responsible Person must, where necessary, take measures for fire-fighting in the premises and nominate competent persons to implement those measures. Who do you think should be trained in the workplace to tackle fires?"

It brought up some interesting views, opinions and facts.

Some say that *all* employees should be trained to fight a fire where as others believe that it would be safe to adopt a no fire fighting policy. What does appear to be agreed on by the members in discussion is the importance of life safety when tack-

ling a fire and the risk that members of staff could be put at when attempting to use a fire extinguisher. As I say in my post; "the RRO focuses on fire prevention and is now a preventative approach to fire safety. The risk assessment should give organisations the chance to identify fire precautions necessary to protect anyone in (or out) of the building.

It is true though that the RRO states that the Responsible Person should nominate competent persons to implement those measures with regards to fire-fighting and fire detection (RRO, Chapter 13) As it says in the newly released CFA Guidance Document :

"Nominated relevant persons should be able to tackle a fire if it is safe to do so and they know how to do it safely. They must not put themselves at risk to fight fire; their personal

safety remains the priority. Nonetheless this priority must not be used by responsible persons to avoid compliance with this requirement. Many employers believe that to comply with this requirement involves a necessity to train some of their employees as fire-fighters. This is clearly not the case; and inspecting officers should be seeking compliance from employer responsible persons by training an adequate number of employees to undertake first aid fire-fighting duties and inherent in that training must be the teaching of employees to recognise when first-aid fire-fighting is or is not safe to implement."

The most important thing to remember is that life safety is the priority and no member of staff (whether they have been trained to use fire



fighting equipment of not) should not be put in any situation where it may cause harm to themselves or others."

To see what responses I received please click [here](#).

Visiting these forums could increase your understanding on what is right for your organisation.

A Great Event for Facilities, Property, Estates and Building Managers

On Tuesday 20th September, Solutions Fire Safety have collaborated with Jalite Manufacturers and MeansOfEscape.com, in providing organisations with the chance to attend a **Complimentary Fire Safety Sign Technical Presentation**, being held at the **University of Essex, Southend Campus**. The presentation **will begin at 9.30** and will last between **1 - 2 hours**. Regarding the forthcoming changes of ISO 7010 as a

European Norm, we seek to disseminate this information amongst professionals in an effort to promote best practice. In doing so we can save professionals and their organisations from buying signs containing motifs that no longer conform. It will provide a great opportunity for like minded individuals to cohere together in discussing similar issues and concerns that you may have with your premises. It is directed at individuals who

have a responsibility for facilities, premises or buildings within the workplace and we encourage you to pass this onto any colleagues who may find it of use. Click [here](#) to book your seats.

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Our organisation was formed over 10 years ago and is a leading training provider of fire safety training and fire safety management for our local councils, and 100's of individual schools, colleges and organisations. We are more than happy to provide references should you wish to place your instruction in our hands. Developed by Solutions in partnership with fire safety professionals our training complements both the RRO and BS9999: 2008. We provide an interactive training experience with insight relating to your specific environment. These extremely popular courses offer great value without compromising on quality. Fire Safety is a serious business and we are happy to share that responsibility with you! Contact us for further info.

Fire Warden Training

Tuesday 20th September 2011, 9.15am – 12.30pm

A 3 - 4 hour workshop including a "Practical Hands on Fire Extinguishing Session". We will equip the nominated individuals; fire wardens and marshals, to carry out their appointed duties with knowledge and confidence. Packs filled with useful material with be issues including a fire warden armband to take away with you. Certificates will also be issues on completion of course.

Course Price: £55 + VAT per attendee

Managing Fire Safety Training

Tuesday 11th October 2011, 9.15am—4.30pm

This 1 day course has been developed by us in conjunction with corporate clients and fire safety experts to guide and teach you in the management of fire safety. Regular maintenance, producing procedures and policies and acting on your significant findings are all aspects of managing fire safety in the workplace and covered in detail within this course. Your pack and fire risk assessment guide to take away with you with help you on your way. Certificates are issued and lunch is included.

Course Price: £75 + VAT per attendee

Responsible Person Training

18th & 18th October 2011, 9.15am – 4.30pm

This 2 day course is designed to give you maximum knowledge and full understanding of the many duties that come under the Responsible Person with regards to Fire Safety. We will help guide you on your way to a formal fire risk assessment, fire safety policies, maintenance and procedures. We will provide you with a pack to take away with you including a fire risk assessment guide worth £19.99. Certificates are also issued. Lunch is included

Course Price: £149.95 + VAT per attendee

Free Fire Safety Management Workshop

Friday 21st October 2011, 9.15am – 11.30am

This free workshop will explain the demands and implications of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. We will offer practical advice, meaningful insight and an open forum for businesses effected by Fire Safety Legislation.

Course Price: FREE