



SOLUTIONS ON FIRE

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Hi there and welcome to Solutions Fire Safety Septembers monthly newsletter. So last month we discussed staff training and the requirements, this month we have gone back a step, to the root of fire safety requirements, the main responsibility of an organisation, the Fire Risk Assessment. Let us help you so the same problems don't happen to you. I hope you enjoy and for any questions, comments please do contact us. *Solutions.*

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Here how it can all go wrong!

No Fire Risk Assessment? A hotel company in London have been found guilty of ten offences under the RRO. The cost?...not only their reputation but a massive £27,000 in fines and costs. Their offences included; no fire risk assessment, blocked emergency exits and fire doors wedged open (the latter a common mistake).

In this news this month:

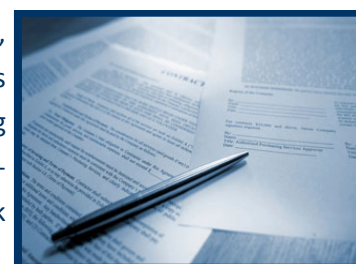
- > UK Hotel has become the first property to be recognised for it's good safety
- > The owners of hotel will be prosecuted after fire killed 3 people
- > Next week on Monday 4th - 8th Oct, National Schools' Fire Safety Week
- > A record fine in Brighton was issued after concerns were raised of fire safety
- > 15 people has to be rescued after a fire broke out in a tower block, London
- > Ten month old baby died in a fire after mum left her home alone for 10 mins

Well that's that...or is it?

Solutions explore managerial attitudes towards the fire risk assessment process.

Following from last months focus on training for the responsible person and others; we felt it would be pertinent to discuss the instrument that often highlights not only training needs but also offers an organisation the foundations of a fire safety strategy.

Our consultants and support staff often encounter an attitude to the Fire Risk Assessment that we believe is all too common, that of 'now its done I can forget about it'. This is most certainly not the case and the increasing number of prosecutions brought to bear after failure to act upon significant findings in the Fire Risk Assessment might prove this.



The risk assessment is the fulcrum upon which compliance, safety and suitable and sufficient fire safety management balance. It is a document that should be under constant review and provides the sign posts to expedient and efficient organisation. It is not a document that is self contained, it is a document that is the starting point to problem solving. to read the full story please click here.

Common problems that you may be encountered when conducting a fire risk assessment include :

- A build up of flammable materials in the common areas of your building - E.g. kitchen, staff rooms and recycling points
- Incorrect use of signing for general fire safety and means of escape.
- Poor maintenance of emergency lighting and/or smoke/fire alarms
- Backlog of routine repair, maintenance and housekeeping
- Defective and missing fire doors and closers
- Damaged or compromised fire stopping in walls and ceilings
- Defective electrical fittings, e.g. light bulbs or fluorescent tubes
- Insufficient and unsuitable staff training (this can have a major impact of the safety of occupants if they are unsure of what to do in an emergency)
- Failure to act upon previous significant findings