



SOLUTIONS ON FIRE

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Hi there and welcome to Solutions Fire Safety November Newsletter. This month I've still carried on the responsibilities of fire risk assessment. Acting on your significant findings is extremely important yet is something that is usually put to this side. Please read the full article to gain an understanding of why you should act. I hope you enjoy and any queries or comments you may have are all welcome.

Following the email that I sent around last week, Solutions have had to arrange a new date for Responsible Person Training due to a demand from our customers. This date will be; 16th & 17th February 2011. I hope you can make this date as the next date for this training will most probably be May. Please fill in attached booking form if you wish to attend on this date.

Solutions Fire Safety Visited **GERDA** this month. We got the chance to look around their showroom and get a closer look at their Premises Information Box, Emergency Plans Box and Fire Doors. Are you considering a secure box to go on the outside or inside of your building? Is it something that has been recommended to you? If so, contact us to get further information on these high security boxes. They really are top of the range.



Solutions Fire Safety have just arranged dates for Managing Fire Safety in the new year. As I mentioned in my previous email this course is extremely similar to the Responsible Person Course but is compacted into one day to provide you a sufficient amount of knowledge on all topics.

Please click here for literature on this course. The following dates are;

- **Tuesday 22nd February 2011**
- **Tuesday 22nd March 2011**

I hope one of these days is ok for you to attend. If you believe you would find this course of use and would like to attend please fill in the attached booking form.

In this news this month:

- > Fire Safety is urged in schools after fatal fire in home killed 3 children
- > "Fire Kills" campaign will be back on the airwaves this week-end
- > Wales came a step closer for mandatory installation of sprinklers, see report
- > National discount store has been fined £55,000 for fire safety breaches
- > A fire in a high rise building in Shanghai, has killed at least 42 people

Acting on your Significant Findings

For many years, UK companies have relied on a fire officer to endorse the adequacy of fire safety on their premises with the award of a fire certificate. However, the new legislation which came into force demanded a complete change of approach to managing fire safety in the workplace. This change brought about the Fire Risk Assessment.

A fire risk assessment is a prepared and systematic look at your premises, the activities and the likelihood that a fire could start. It should help you determine the chances of a fire starting and the dangers from fire that your premises could present you with. Yet this is only the beginning of the fire risk assessment process.



It is all too often that we hear of organisations carrying out their fire risk assessment (because it is the law) yet leaving them to one side and forgetting about them. This is just not good enough. Identification should not be the end of your fire risk assessment process.

The duty to assess risks and take appropriate action is fundamental and absolute. A Fire Risk Assessment is not something to be carried out and left to its own devices. All risk assessments will need acting on. If, like many business, you find that there are quite a lot of improvements that you could make, big and small, don't try to do everything at once or on your own. Start with a plan of action to deal with the most important things first. Inspectors will acknowledge the efforts of business that are clearly trying to make improvements. Please click here for full story.

Responsible Person Training

So...why should you get Responsible Person Training?

Training for the Responsible Person puts things into perspective. It allows you, as the Responsible Person to gain understanding of what is required from you, what you should be looking for during your risk assessment, how to record, how to act and so on. We cover all topics relevant to your responsibilities and tasks, taking a big weight off your shoulders. I maintain the notion that you can only do and see what you know. Training allows you to ask a fire safety expert questions that are relevant to your situation, getting ideas of how to improve fire safety, creating your policies and procedures, means of escape and maintenance. Please click here if you require or are interested in Responsible Person Training.