



# SOLUTIONS ON FIRE

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Hi there,  
Welcome to Solutions Fire Safety January Newsletter. I hope you had a good Christmas Holiday and have come back refreshed and ready for the new year! This month is mostly on Fire Warden Training and the importance of giving the nominated individuals the correct information that they need. Please click on the links to be directed. **Enjoy! Solutions**

## Government Launches first Electrical Fire Safety Week!!

The campaign, which is being supported by fire and rescue services around the country are influencing people to not overload plug sockets, to regularly check for frayed wires, to unplug appliances and to keep appliances in good working order. They are also warning people to be extra careful when using cooking appliances as the majority of electrical fires do start in the kitchen.



Research discovered (Communities and Local Government Department):

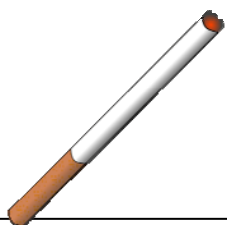
- Faulty or misused electrical products caused over 20,000 fires across the UK in 2007.
- Accidental electrical fires in the home resulted in 40 deaths and nearly 4000 casualties. Click [here](#) to be directed to full campaign.

## Cigarette Fire Safety Standard 'will save lives'!

Trading Standards will be tightening the rules on cigarettes which do not meet EU requirements.

All cigarettes manufactured after November 2011 will be made with a special band which will extinguish the tobacco if it is not being smoked after a certain amount of time.

This is to reduce the amount of deaths which are caused by cigarettes that are not extinguished properly. London Fire Brigade said about a third of all deaths from accidental house fires are caused by un-extinguished cigarettes. 'Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the biggest killer...with 78 Londoners losing their lives over the last 5 years.' Please click [here](#) to be directed to full campaign.



In this news this month:

- > A brewery has been ordered to pay £27,481 in fines and costs
- > Online notification at HSE of the non issue of a Landlord Gas Safety Record
- > Hotel gets fire service inspection after fire safety consultant stayed there a night
- > A mother's anguish as all four of her children, aged under 10, are killed in blaze
- > New research into roof voids has discovered it is to blame for inadequate compartmentation, which in turn leads to greater instances where fire has spread

## Training for the Nominated Fire Warden

General training might be as simple as showing new staff the fire exits and giving basic training on what to do in the event of a fire but nominated individuals with specific responsibilities regarding fire safety must be provided with the relevant training. The most common and perhaps best recognised fire safety 'official' is the Fire Warden, who must be provided with training that is relevant to their responsibilities and duties.



All training should be tailored to the individual workplace. All organisations will be different from one another and training should be relevant to particular features, contents, procedures and occupancy profile, which will all be based on the outcome of your fire risk assessment.

The Fire Safety (Employees Capabilities) (England) Regulations 2010 apply to England only and require employers to take into consideration their employees capabilities when entrusting them with tasks related to fire safety. This is as regards to health and safety. It came about since the RRO came into force, which created a small gap in relation to this, so was filled in to ensure it was clearly understood. It basically reinforces what the RRO meant to say.

So why should the responsible person and/or the organisation undertake Fire Warden training for their key personnel? Fire Wardens need to have a basic understanding of what causes a fire, how it spreads and how it can be controlled. In addition, they need to understand their role and be competent to use fire fighting equipments if procedures and policies state to do so. Fire Wardens are an aiding help regarding fire safety and it should come naturally, everyday. For the full article please click [here](#).

## Solutions Fire Safety Individual Fire Warden Training

Training is held on a monthly basis at our premises in Basildon, Essex. Our course at Solutions is not only comprehensive training on duties, responsibilities, evacuation, means of escape and signage but we also offer a theory and practical Fire Extinguisher Session. This is to provide attendees with not only the knowledge of the correct extinguishers to use but also a hands on experience in manually handling them. We don't want to leave anything out! We aim for our attendees to leave our courses with all the correct information that they need, to go out into the workplace and carry out the obligations efficiently and most importantly, correctly.

Dates for this training are: **Friday 11th February & Wednesday 16th March 2011.**

**Our course is priced at £55 per attendee + VAT.**

Also including **'Practical Hands on Fire Extinguisher Operation'**  
For further information on this course please visit our website.

