

Solutions on Fire

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What's occurred this month...

Fire Safety (Employers Capabilities) (England) Regulations 2010

An additional piece of legislation on the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 was released on the 6th of this month. It is purely a technical wording that states the employer has to think about what a worker is able and unable to do when giving them tasks to deal with fire related risks. The regulation states, 'employer to take employees capabilities into consideration. Every employer must, in entrusting tasks to employees, take into account their capabilities as regards health and safety, so far as those capabilities relate to fire.' It reinforces what the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 indicates, it simply supports the duty that staff must have 'sufficient training and experience or knowledge' (RRO) So, employers will now have to think about; what a worker is able and unable to do when giving those tasks and how these capabilities may affect their ability to deal with fire related risks. This includes fire risk assessments and nominating fire wardens or marshals. [Click here for full legislation.](#)



The UK's leading supermarket chain has been fined £95,000 plus ordered to pay £24,321 in costs after pleading guilty to five breaches of the RRO. The sentencing took place on 20th April. [Want to know who, click here!](#) Also the worlds largest consumer based business has been fined over £200,000 plus costs in excess of £28,000 after pleading guilty to serious fire breaches on six offences. [Click here for more](#)



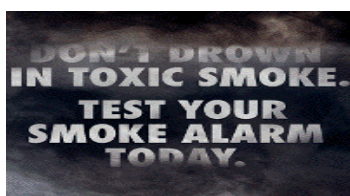
London's total of fire safety fines reached £1m in 2009! Including businesses and individuals, the countries capital reached a record high figure. London Fire Brigade want to get the message across that 'We will act'. [Click here for more](#)

Welcome to Solutions Fire Safety Monthly Newsletter. Morning all! A quick note to say that Solutions sympathies go out to the two firefighters who died in an attempt to save others and the family who died as victims of an arson attack. This month, we've got new wording that has been released on a part of the RRO and a selection of campaigns for your interest including 'Don't Drown in Smoke'. Keeping you updated on big fines this month also!



Don't Drown in Smoke

The Government campaign is bringing awareness to the importance of smoke alarms! Here's some more figures for you; of those surveyed by the government 43% thought they would be able to survive for 2 mins in a smoke filled room and 48% think they would be alerted by the smell of fire...well they were wrong!



your are in deep sleep between the hours of 12am—6pm. You would most probably only awake once your lungs are filled with smoke, usually after 2—3 breaths. Fire Minister says, 'Smoke from a fire will affect your ability to breath in a similar way to drowning'

The number one cause of death in fire related incidents is smoke inhalation.

The only way to protect yourselves from smoke is to ensure you have a fully checked working smoke alarm. It will detect the smoke quicker than you can see, smell or feel it. It will give you time to get out and call the fire brigade.

So what do you think is more likely to kill you, the flames or smoke?

Smoke is dark and fast! It's thick and dense and can obscure your vision to the point of not being able to see your own hand in front of your face in a matter of minutes. Imagine trying to find your point of egress up to 25 metres away. Time is not on your side! Statistics show that the majority of fires occur whilst

"Smoke Alarms do Save Lives!"

New figures show that 6 out of 10 people that died in fires within the last year didn't have smoke alarms. So LFB are now warning you that you are risking your lives by not ensuring your home has a working smoke alarm fitted in your building. 'They only cost about £5 and save your life...smoke and fumes won't wake you up. It's exactly the opposite as a few breaths of smoke can cause you to lose consciousness. Don't let this happen to you or your family when a smoke alarm can prevent it.'

This month...

On the 20th April, Essex firefighters were called to deal with a fire on the ground floor of a flat after a bed caught alight! A man in his forties suffered smoke inhalation and had to be given oxygen therapy by paramedics.

Tuesday 13th April, High Wycombe fire services were called to a kitchen fire. The man and his son needed hospital treatment after they tried to tackle the fire themselves. The Fire Service said 'We were concerned that there were no smoke alarms in the house. A smoke alarm will go off in the early stages of a fire and give you precious extra time to make your escape.'

Solutions Fire Safety launched their Twitter site on 21st April. To be updated on all fire safety news, events, special deals and much more visit us at SolutionsFire!



Lets Campaign! [\(click sign for link\)](#)



Acetylene Cylinders
The danger of these exploding means a hazard zone of a 200 metres radius.



A Government led forum to reduce arson. LFB, Southend and Essex Fire Service are involved.



School fires cost the UK millions. Installing sprinklers means a fire can be put out in minutes

Training Supplement

All of our courses are presented by a senior fire safety consultant with over 20 years experience each within fire fighting, training and consultancy. As all workplace procedures and fire safety issues vary, we aim to cater for your exact needs in guiding you in the right direction in your workplace. You have the chance in all of our courses for Q&A, and all attendees will receive a certificate of attendance to add to your log book as proof of training. Each course is carefully designed to provide you with the maximum knowledge of accurate information at excellent value. We hold training at our premises or yours.



Friday 11th May 2010 FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

Book 3 Places for a Set Price of £199

Every workplace should have delegated fire wardens or marshals to assist in the evacuation in the event of a fire. Our course is designed to give your fire wardens the knowledge to carry out their duties and responsibilities in a competent and efficient manner. A 3 hour presentation including practical 'hands on fire extinguisher operation' will provide warden/marshals with the knowledge of fire safety procedures, safety signs, escape routes and legislation. Attendees will receive useful pocket guides, fire warden armbands and a certificate of attendance.



Responsible Person Training

This 2 day course is designed for the Responsible Person, in aiding them to successfully ensure their organisations complies with fire safety legislation. We cover a range of topics such as fire risk assessment, procedures, lighting, signs and extinguisher plus many more issues. We will provide you with the knowledge to productively carry out your duties within your workplace with all issues you may have concerning fire safety. The onus is on the Responsible Person, helping you to get it right! Training includes refreshments and lunches for both days plus attendees will receive a fire risk assessment guide book (£19.95) and safety sign guide (£9.95).

Training dates: 18th/19th May, 28th/29th June, 9th/10th August



Fire Safety Awareness Training

The purpose of this course is to provide you with simple practical advice on how to become safe in the event of a fire. Basic fire safety is a legal requirement for all members of staff, not only that, to be safe and ensure the safety of staff and the building. This one hour presentation can easily be used as part of an induction for new recruits or as a refresher course for existing staff. The course will include, what to do in the event of a fire, understanding the different types of extinguishers and the correct usage of signs. Attendees will receive useful pocket guides and handouts.



Live Fire Extinguisher Training

This extra can be added to any of your training courses, to give attendees an all round knowledge of the types and limitations of fire extinguishers. The theory content will include, what action to take on discovering a fire, the different classes of fire and what extinguishers should be used on them and safe usage. Attendees will also practice using a fire extinguisher, experiencing the different sounds and weights of the different types.