

The Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order

How will it affect you? - Part 2



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By Now....

You or your responsible person should have:

- Carried out a Fire Risk Assessment and gathered together their significant findings which they/you should be currently addressing
- Produced a Fire Safety Policy Document
- Developed the necessary Fire Safety procedures (especially concerned with evacuation)
- Provided all staff with adequate training
- And carried out Fire drills

Remember the Order firmly places responsibility on the Responsible Person to make sure everything necessary is dealt with.

Competent Persons

The responsible person also may have appointed one or more competent person to assist him or her.

You must appoint competent persons (most likely Fire Wardens) to:

- Carry out fire fighting duties
- Make contact with the emergency services
- Assist in evacuations

Remember Solutions can offer Fire Warden Training as well as Fire Safety Training for your employees and nominated persons

Any contractors currently being used for their competent person qualifications should have some form of third party accreditation.

Provide & Maintain

The Responsible person must provide and maintain:

- A Clear Means of Escape
- Signs
- Emergency Lighting
- Fire Detection & Alarm
- Extinguishers

A few helpful tips

- Escape Routes & Exits

Escape routes must be established and always available, doors must open in the direction of escape, no sliding or revolving doors and must be indicated by signs [14. -(1) & (2)]

- Signs & Notices

Appropriate signs and notices must be provided including:

Fire Action Notices providing appropriate instructions to employees [15. -(1) (a) & 15. -(2) (a)]

Indicating the position of extinguishers [13. -(1) (b)]

Indication of emergency routes and exits [14. -(2) (g)]

Remember Solutions can provide all your Fire Safety Signs in JALITE AAA Photoluminescent

- Emergency Lighting

Escape routes must be provided with emergency lighting [14. -(2)(h)]

- Fire Detection & Alarm

An appropriate fire detection and alarm system must be provided. [13. -(1)(a)]

- Extinguishers

You must provide appropriate fire fighting equipment [13. -(1)(a)]

For most companies this will mean portable extinguishers but may include hose reels and sprinklers where appropriate

Fire Risk Assessment Workshop

Solutions are running a series of Fire Risk Assessment workshops, which will help you conform to the new Reform. These are taking place on the:

- 21st March 2006
- 18th April 2006

For more information please fill in the form below and fax to us on 0845 601 2659

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