

The Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order How will it affect you?



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Introduction

The new law which comes into force in April 2006 consolidates existing fire legislation.

Fire certificates will no longer be issued and the "responsible person" will be required to carry out a fire risk assessment of the premises and take steps to remove or reduce any risk. This risk assessment will have to take into consideration the effect a fire in your premises may have on anyone in or around your premises and must be kept under regular review.

Who is the "responsible person"?

The "responsible person" is the employer and/or the person who is deemed to have control of the premises.

Fire Safety Duties Risk Assessment

The responsible person must assess the risks to which people are exposed in order to identify the general fire precautions he needs to take to comply.

This assessment must be reviewed regularly by the responsible person and where there are five or more employees the significant findings and the persons at risk must be recorded as well as any control measures being taken.

Fire Safety Measures

The responsible person must

- take measures for fire-fighting in the premises
- nominate competent persons to implement those measures, ensuring that the number of persons, their training and equipment available are adequate
- arrange any necessary contacts with the external emergency services
- ensure that routes to emergency exits from the premises and the exits themselves are kept clear at all times

Maintenance

The responsible person must ensure that the premises and any facilities and equipment provided are subject to a suitable system of maintenance and are maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.

Safety Assistance

The responsible person must appoint one or more competent persons to assist him in undertaking the preventative and protective measures.

Information

The responsible person must provide the following information to employees

- identified risks to them
- preventive and protective measures
- identities of nominated persons
- details of any dangerous substance

Training

The responsible person must ensure that his employees are provided with adequate training

- at the time they are first employed
- on their being exposed to new or increased risks

Free Reform Check

If you are the **responsible person** or **nominated competent person** and would like an independent review of your current fire safety procedures fill in the form below and fax to us on 0845 601 2659

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Job Title.....

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