

Does Your Business Comply?

Government Fire Legislation Affecting All Premises



Reduce the Risk of Fire and Corporate Liability

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The Health & Safety Compliance Specialists

Fire Risk Assessments:

A Risk Worth Taking?

Despite the introduction of new fire regulations in October 2006, many small to medium sized businesses still seem to be unaware of their responsibilities for fire safety and run the risk of fines up to £20,000 or imprisonment for failure to comply.

The London Fire Brigade recorded over 30,000 fires in London during 2007-8. The introduction of the new Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (RRO) in late 2006, which places new duties on building owners and operators, may well save your business from the risk of fire.

Fire certificates will no longer be valid or issued to properties and these has now been replaced with the requirement to undertake a Fire Risk Assessment. Employers have now become solely responsible for fire safety within their workplaces.

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What if I fail to Comply?

The Health & Safety Offences Act 2008 is a new piece of legislation that came into force on 16th January 2009. This allows greater powers in sentencing, including increases in fines of up to £20,000 for those who are in breach of health & safety which includes Fire Risk Assessments.

Which Properties must carry out a Fire Risk Assessment?

Fire Risk Assessments apply to most premises and covers buildings, structures and open spaces.

For example:

- Offices and retail units
- Premises that provide care
- Community halls



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- The common areas of houses in multiple occupation
- Pubs, clubs and restaurants
- Schools
- Tents and marquees
- Hotels and hostels
- Factories and warehouses

But excluding:

- Purely domestic premises occupied by a single family group

Who is Responsible for Fire Safety Compliance?

- Every employer
- Every person who has control/responsibility of a workplace
- Persons who have any contract or tenancy when it relates to:
 - a) the maintenance or repair of the workplace
 - b) the safety of the workplace
- Any person who provides a trade or business is responsible for their premises
- The owner of a property, when for instance, the premises are unoccupied



How Can We Help?

Harcroft Consulting are qualified to deliver a professional Fire Risk Assessment, together with advice on potential alterations to your premises. This will ensure your business complies with the 2006 Fire Safety Legislation and protect you from prosecution under the Health & Safety Offences Act 2008.

If you would like to know more about how Harcroft Consulting can ensure your business complies with the 2006 Fire Safety Legislation, please contact:

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