

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order



The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (RRFSO) came in to force on the 1st October 2006. All businesses will have to be compliant with immediate effect.

The responsibility of the building will be with the employers, occupiers and owners. There will be one person responsible to maintain compliance with the RRFSO. They will have the duty of care to protect employees, contractors, public and firefighters. Making sure there is:

- Adequate means of escape
- Certainty of access to means of escape
- Suitable means of fire fighting
- Effective means of detection and warning
- Effective management control, including communication with emergency services.

Non-compliance with the RRFSO can result in prosecution, either a fine or prison.

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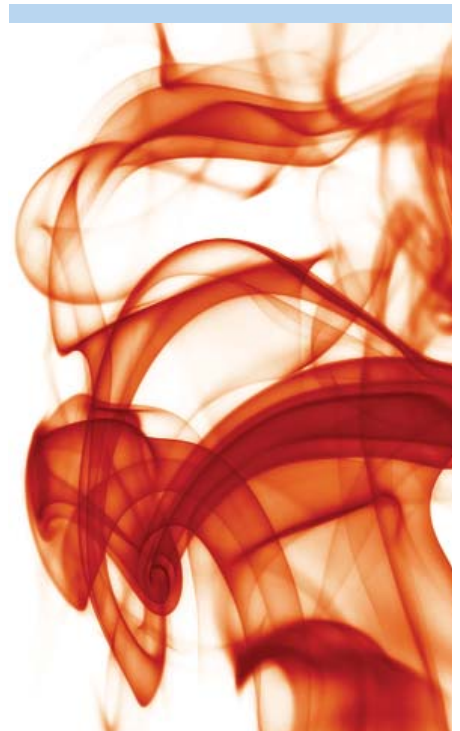
Contact us if you require any literature or you would like to book one of our Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Seminars.

Alternatively please go to www.firesafety.communities.gov.uk or www.asfp.org.uk for more information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order ?

It will be a consolidation of nearly all existing fire safety legislation

Who will it affect?

Primarily employers and building owners but it could be anyone who has some control over premises.

What will I have to do?

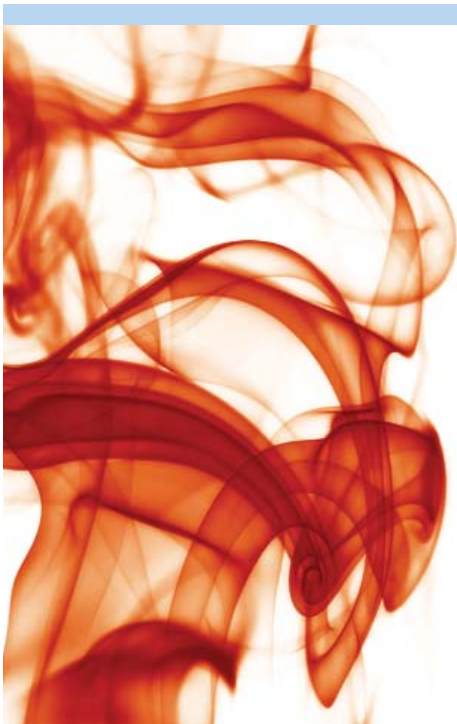
Mainly carry out a fire risk assessment and record and act on the significant findings.

I have a certificate...will that be enough?

No. Fire certificates will no longer be valid. However, a recent fire certificate will be a good starting point for your fire risk assessment.

Will fire precautions have to be improved? Will it cost me anything?

(Answer for both) Yes and No! If you are already fully complying with existing legislation then it should be fairly simple. If you have not kept your fire precautions up to date there may be some additional areas to look at.



Will the Fire and Rescue Service still inspect my premises?

In some cases yes, particularly in higher risk premises. But they cannot carry out the fire risk assessments for you.

How can I find out more?

- Purchase or download the GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE BOOKS
- If you have a question that is not already answered on this page, please email fire.safetyreform@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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