

# A Joined Up Approach; Fire Risk Assessors

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# Competent Fire Risk Assessors

- The Problem
- The Reality
- The Solution
- The Future



# The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 1541**

**REGULATORY REFORM, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**

*Made - - - - - 7th June 2005*  
*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

**ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES**

**PART 1**  
**GENERAL**

1. Citation, commencement and extent
2. Interpretation
3. Meaning of "responsible person"
4. Meaning of "general fire precautions"
5. Duties under this Order
6. Application to premises
7. Disapplication of certain provisions

**PART 2**  
**FIRE SAFETY DUTIES**

8. Duty to take general fire precautions
9. Risk assessment
10. Principles of prevention to be applied
11. Fire safety arrangements
12. Elimination or reduction of risks from dangerous substances
13. Fire-fighting and fire detection
14. Emergency routes and exits
15. Procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas
16. Additional emergency measures in respect of dangerous substances
17. Maintenance
18. Safety assistance
19. Provision of information to employees
20. Provision of information to employers and the self-employed from outside undertakings
21. Training
22. Co-operation and co-ordination
23. General duties of employees at work
24. Power to make regulations about fire precautions

# The Problem

“The false, unnatural, and destructive system is when the bad workman is allowed to offer his work at half-price and either take the place of the good, or force him by his competition to work for an inadequate sum.”

**John Ruskin 1819 -1900**





# Selecting a 'competent' person

- **FIRE RISK ASSESSOR**

“Companies providing fire safety services are listed in local directories.

Alternatively you may be able to ask your insurer for a recommendation”

<http://www.communities.gov>



# Assessors



# Competence Claims

- NEBOSH Fire Certificate
- Professional institute approved training
- ABBE level 3 FRA
- Fire service experience
- **National register of fire risk assessors**
- Health and safety qualifications
- IFPO registered
- IFE registered
- IFSM registered
- Qualified fire risk assessor
- HNC Fire safety
- Years of fire industry experience



# A competent fire risk assessor?

- John Smith **MIFPO**
- John Smith is an **expert** in fire risk assessment and manages Fox Fire's large team of fire risk assessors **who will help you to ensure your business complies with current UK fire legislation**. John is a highly skilled professional Fire Safety Consultant, who has recently left the **Army Fire Service after 22 years of practical experience**. He is currently a Fire Safety Consultant and a member of the **Institute of Fire Prevention Officers**.
- John is on the **National Register of Fire Risk Assessors**. John completed the Army Fire Safety Course in 1998. His past experience includes 11 years in the roles of **Deputy Fire Safety Officer** and **Senior Fire Safety Officer** at various military establishments and a temporary role as the **Command Fire Safety Officer**.



# 'Due Diligence' has to be seen to be done!

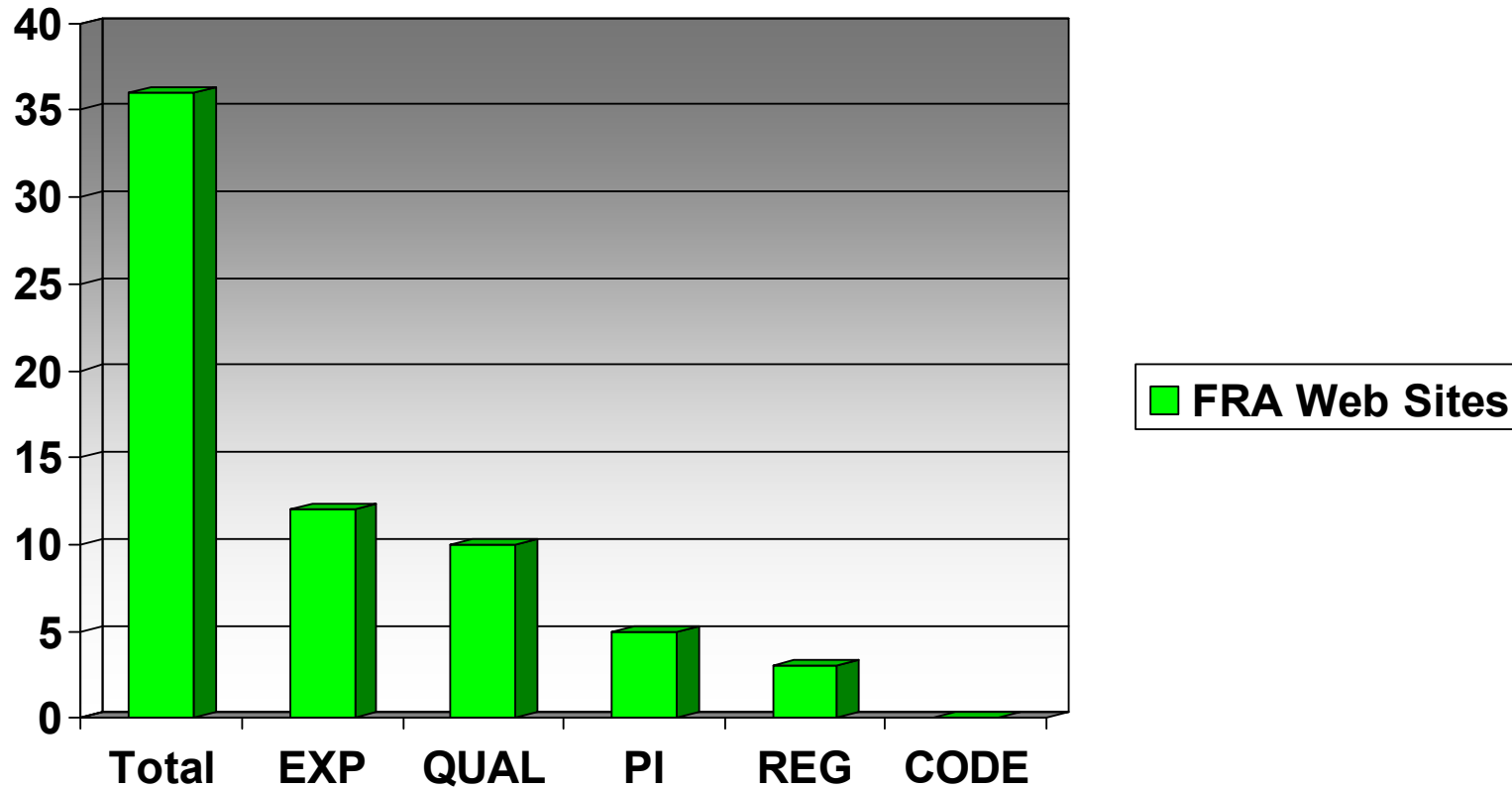
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# The Problem



# North West Fire Risk Assessors



# The Reality

“There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man’s lawful prey”

**John Ruskin 1819 -1900**



# BS EN ISO/IEC 17024: 2003

*“Certification schemes for persons should only be established in response to specific government requirements (i.e. protection of the public) or a demonstrated market need/desire (i.e. credibility, confidence and improvement of the profession)”*



# FRACS; an independent and objective examination/assessment

- Previous work
- Table top exercise
- Q and A
- Examination
- Surveillance
- Recertification



# FRACS Assurance

- Certificate (Technical Reference)
- Photo ID card
- Photo ID listing on Web register
- Certification of work
- Professional consultant lead assessors
- The 'checkers are being checked' UKAS accreditation and audits every 6 months
- National competence standard



# FRACS

## **FRACS (Company)**

A quality assurance certification scheme for companies who offer fire risk assessment services.

## **FRACS (Internal)**

A third party certification scheme for occupational fire risk assessors.



# The National Register of Competent Fire Risk Assessors

- Technical Reference (Accredited Scheme)
- Code of Ethical/Professional Conduct
- PI Insurance



**TECHNICAL REFERENCE**  
(17024 Certificate of Competence)

**PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE**

**CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICAL CONDUCT**

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF COMPETENT FIRE RISK ASSESSORS**  
**QUALITY ASSURED FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT COMPANIES**

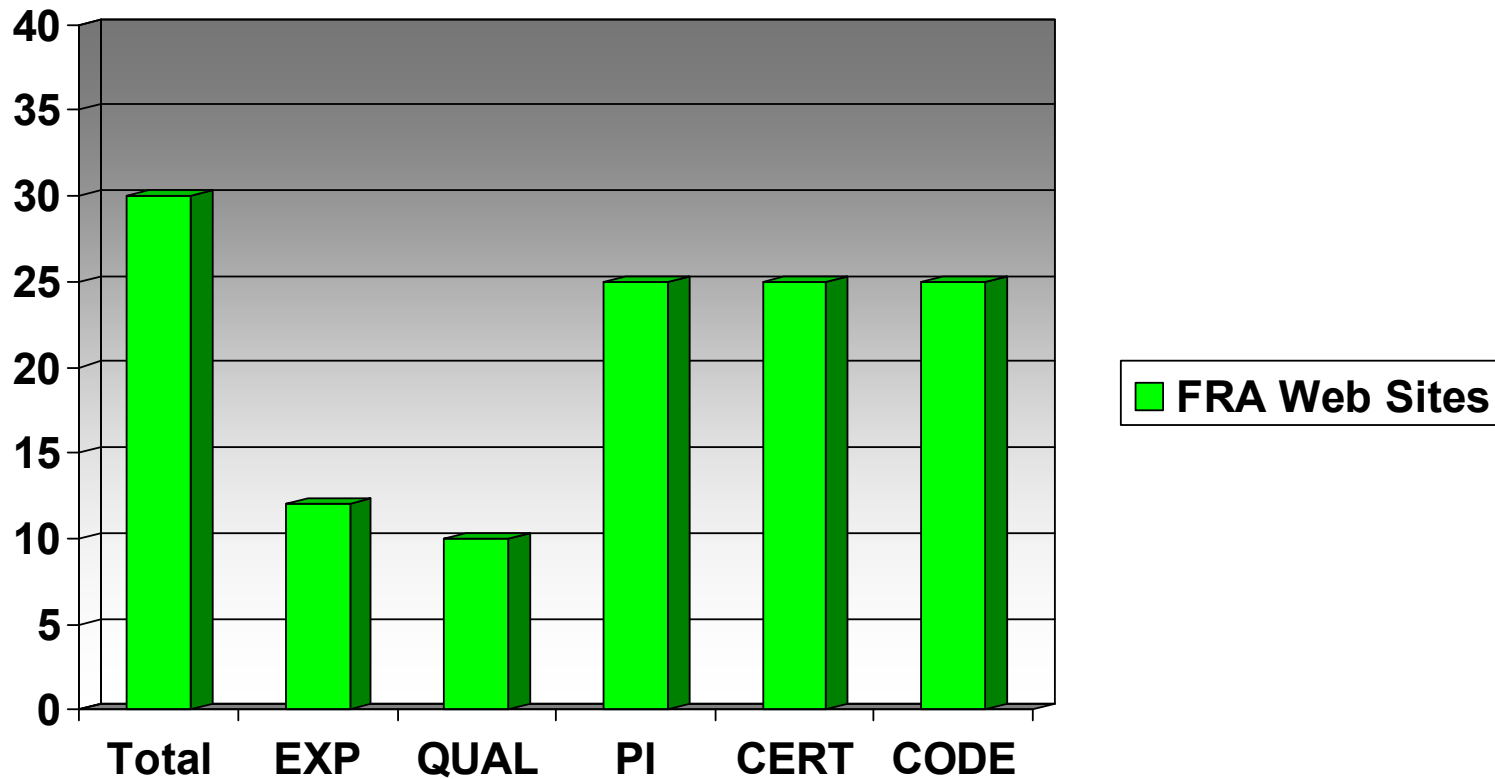
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# The difference makes a difference



Thank you

