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## Fire Risk Assessment

**The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 came into effect in October 2006 and replaced over 70 pieces of fire safety law. It replaced most fire safety legislation with one simple order, with the aim to 'simplify, rationalise and consolidate existing fire safety legislation'.**

The Order requires fire precautions to be put in place 'where necessary' to ensure that everyone on the premises, or nearby, can escape safely if there is a fire.

The main rules under the Order mean that the 'responsible person' must;

- Carry out a fire risk assessment identifying any possible dangers and risks,
- Consider who may be especially at risk,
- Get rid of or reduce the risk from fire and provide general fire precautions to deal with any residual risk, and
- Create a plan to deal with any emergency.

If your organisation employs five or more people, your premises are licensed or an Alterations Notice is in force, you must record the significant findings of the assessment. It is however good practice to record your significant findings.

### Why Alpha consultancy?

The Alpha consultancy approach is ideally suited for low, medium and high risk workplaces, or where there are no suitably qualified, trained or experienced fire safety personnel within your workplace. Alpha Consultancy limited offers a comprehensive and consistent fire risk assessment service. Our risk assessment documentation gives you the peace of mind, ensuring a consistent, professional and realistic approach to your fire safety needs conforming to current fire safety legislation.

Our work is fully documented and certified, and carries with it ample professional indemnity for your total peace-of-mind. Consultancy services include:

- Fire risk assessment and management programs
- Inspection and audit of premises
- Liaison with Local Authorities and enforcing agencies

### Our Fire Safety Consultants

All consultants employed Alpha are a mix of ex-senior ranking Local Authority Fire and Rescue Service Officers and current serving technical fire safety enforcing officers, having spent many years within the fire safety and prevention discipline, each with a wealth of fire safety experience. This experience is invaluable when making recommendations that concur with those of the enforcing Fire and Rescue Service and fire safety legislation. All consultants hold a variety of professional fire safety qualifications including the Institution of Fire Engineers.

### Your Report

Once a fire risk assessment is complete, you are provided with an easy to understand, bespoke report.

This forms the basis of that workplace's on-going fire safety procedures and will demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the new Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The easy to understand fire risk assessment documents provide a priority action plan to help you get your premises safe and up to the required standard.

## Summary of the Regulatory Reform (fire safety) Order 2005

- All previous fire legislation has been repealed
- Fire certificates will be no longer issued.
- Each individual company will be responsible for their own fire safety.
- Employers must conduct a fire risk assessment regardless of the size of the risk. The identified responsible person would therefore take full corporate liability.
- If five or more people are employed, the risk assessment must be documented.
- Extended scope of consideration now to include property safety and the environment around the site as well as just protecting life. This means allowing a building to be sacrificed is unacceptable due to the risk to neighbouring buildings and fire fighters. Unlike the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations, the Fire Safety Order places emphasis on business continuity and containing and preventing the spread of small fires. The effectiveness of fire extinguishers is clearly recognised as a major provision in doing just this.
- Protection is explicitly extended to all occupants and not just employees. Visitors, contractors or passers-by also have to be considered in the risk assessment.
- Fire fighters are to have greater authority to gain entry to premises and remove samples after a fire.

## What are the benefits of using Alpha Consultancy to you and your business?

Alpha Consultancy will provide you with a consistent approach to your fire risk assessment needs ensuring complete legislative and local authority compliance. We will provide you with easy to understand documentation in both bound hard copy and electronic format.

We are not a fire equipment or extinguisher provider which means that we will give you a completely unbiased assessment. This will provide you with the necessary tools to ensure adequate compliance, and in many cases will save you money as well as giving you peace of mind.

### WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) have produced guidance documents to support UK business and help them understand their responsibilities. These are free to download from the CLG website, or can be purchased from HMSO for a nominal cost.

[www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

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