

BIFM Training

Compliance with Fire Safety Law & Fire Risk Assessment

1-day course

Aim

To give Facilities Managers the knowledge and skills required to manage the fundamental changes in Fire Safety Law which came into force on in October 2006.

Objectives

By the end of this course you will be able to describe:

The key changes in Fire Safety Law

The legal responsibilities of companies and individuals for compliance and fire safety management

The changes to the role of the fire and rescue services and the way they provide fire cover

The role of the 'responsible person in England and Wales'.

How to eliminate and mitigate fire risks, manage the use of dangerous substances, and ensure that emergency routes and exits are both adequate and available

The position of the Order in the context of the overall framework of UK fire and Health & Safety legislation including the new Fire Services Act

Suggestions for cost-effective compliance

The duty of care an organisation owes to 'Relevant Persons'

How to undertake fire risk assessments and understand how to manage fire safety.

Description

No organisation can afford to ignore the recent radical changes in Fire Safety Law which affects England and Wales and Scotland.

Companies, organisations and individuals who employ staff are responsible for their own legislation compliance and management of fire safety

There have been major changes to the organisation and role of the fire service including the way the provision of fire cover and the impact of the new enforcement regime and the imposition of charging for certain non-emergency services.

Employers are now wholly responsible for ensuring that the law is complied with and directors, owners, employers and managers are personally responsible. In England and Wales, the legislation creates the new roles of 'responsible person' and 'competent person'. (The situation in Scotland is different but the impact is similar,

Course content

- Introduction to risk: risk management and risk reduction
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Risk assessment tools, templates and proformas; using risk scoring

- ***The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005***: the role of the 'responsible person', 'the competent person'
- Elimination and mitigation of fire risks,
- The duty owed to 'Relevant Persons'
- Means of escape requirements
- Provision of information, maintenance, co-ordination and co-operation, training, record keeping,
- The status of Crown owned/occupied premises
- The position of the Order in the context of the overall framework of UK fire and Health & Safety legislation
- Suggestions for cost-effective compliance
- Undertaking fire risk assessments
- Ensuring provision of adequate means of escape
- Appointing competent consultants and contractors
- Training of staff and maintenance of records
- Liability issues, enforcement civil and criminal penalties
- Worked example of a risk assessment using a template.

Who should attend?

Facilities, Estates and Property Managers, Fire Safety Managers and others responsible for fire safety legislation; Fire Officers; Health & Safety Managers; Managing Agents; Building surveyors and engineers involved in implementing legislation; consultants involved in fire safety and fire safety legislation

About the presenter:

Stewart Kidd is one of the UK's leading fire safety management specialists. He is immediate past-President of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers, a past Governor of the Institute of Risk Management, and a former Director of the Fire Protection Association. He is the author of seven books on fire and risk-related topics

He sits on many US, UK and European fire safety working groups and standards committees.

Programme

0900 Registration, tea & coffee on arrival

0930 Fire Losses and Fire Statistics: The Costs of Fire

0950 Fire Risk Assessments: An Introduction

1020 Risk Management and Risk Assessment: Using the outputs

1100 Tea & coffee

1120 Managing Fire Safety

1145 Hazard Spotting: The Interface with Risk Reduction

- 1215 Fire and Health & Safety Law - Present Obligations and Implementation, the Fire Services Act, European Legislation, Building Regulations**
- 1235 Changes to Fire Safety Legislation**
- 1300 Lunch
- 1400 The Fire Safety Order - Duties and Obligations, General Duties, Risk Assessments; the Responsible Person and the Competent Person**
- 1440 Relevant Persons, Dangerous Substances, Collaboration, Duties of Employees**
- 1500 Tea & coffee
- 1520 Notices, Enforcement and Appeals, Liabilities**
- 1540 Risk Assessment Tools**
- 1600 Risk Assessment Exercise**
- 1630 Questions/Discussion**
- 1645 Close