

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order - RRFSO

The RRFSO, which came into force in 2006, replacing 118 pieces of legislation including the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 as amended 1999.

The RRFSO places the responsibility on the 'responsible' person; at the same time it allows the enforcing authority, the Local Fire & Rescue Service, to make sure it is enacted. It requires that the 'responsible' person (employers, owners and occupiers) carries out or appoints a competent person, who must have sufficient training and experience or knowledge to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment. If the competent person appointed is a sub contractor it is recommended that the contractor should be suitably qualified and it will be for the responsible person to ensure that any contractors or other persons he or she employs to carry out this work is competent to do so.

All employees must be given adequate Fire Safety training, when commencing employment and refresher training on an annual basis, again this will be enforced by the Local Fire & Rescue Service.

Source: Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order Guidance Note & Summary – BFPFA Barlow Richard (June 2004) Reform Implications, FEJ & FP