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FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS

ESSENTIAL SAFETY DOCUMENTATION
FOR YOUR BUSINESS

A written fire risk assessment is a legal requirement for UK organisations who have five or more employees. The document details the fire safety measures that have been taken to minimise the risk of fire within a property.



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Churches Fire & Security understands that the first step in implementing any fire safety system is a fire risk assessment.

WHO NEEDS A FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT?

Employers, landlords, owners, occupiers or managers have a legal duty to ensure fire safety within their business according to The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Fire risk assessments are a requirement for premises that are visited by members of the public, blocks of flats, houses in multiple occupation (HMO), licensed premises and places of work who employ more than five people.

Under the current Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, the responsibility for fire safety in non-domestic premises is consigned to the 'Responsible Person', or the person who has control of the premises. This person must make acceptable preparation for the safety of employees or any relevant persons who are legally on the premises.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

The first step in implementing any fire safety system is to undertake a fire risk assessment. They identify potential hazards and risks and outline methods put in place to minimise them. It is a statutory requirement that all employers, employing five or more persons should have a written fire risk assessment (FRA).

Fire risk assessments should be suitable and sufficient, and should help to minimise the likelihood of a fire, addressing any significant findings that should be rectified in a set time scale which will lower the potential risk to your building or workplace.

WHAT DOES A FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT ENTAIL?

A fire risk assessment is a methodical inspection of your property to outline the risk of a fire breaking out at the premises. The document should detail any precautionary measures that need to be taken to minimise the risk of fire alongside listing fire safety equipment and highlighting any recommendations that should be made in order to further mitigate risk.

A qualified Fire Risk Assessor will detail his/her findings during an assessment based on The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and any relevant British Standards.

Common areas/items checked include, but are not limited to:

- Emergency routes and exits
- The emergency fire evacuation plan
- Staff fire safety training
- Fire detection and warning systems
- Firefighting equipment
- The removal or safe storage of dangerous substances
- The needs of vulnerable people (e.g. the elderly, children, those with disabilities)
- How information is provided to employees and those on the premises

WHO CAN CARRY OUT A FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT?

Legal guidelines state that the Responsible Person must make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to which relevant persons are exposed for the purpose of identifying the general fire precautions he needs to take to comply with the requirements under the Fire Safety Order.

A fire risk assessment should be carried out by a 'competent person'; and is regarded as competent for this purpose, where he has sufficient training and experience or knowledge and other qualities to enable him to properly undertake this role.

Churches Fire & Security can provide you with a fully-qualified and highly-experienced Fire Risk Assessor. All of our Assessors are members of the Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM) or the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE). All of our assessments are verified by an internal verifier before you receive your completed assessment. This means you can have peace of mind that your organisation is in safe hands and that any risk of fire will be correctly identified, minimised and a plan put in place.



Get in touch with Churches Fire & Security to discuss how we can fulfil all of your fire safety requirements. Contact us on **0370 608 4350** today.

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