

On October 1st 2006 the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 came into force and replaces the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and the amended 1997 Fire Precautions (Workplace) Act. The effect of this legislation is to transfer the responsibility for fire safety from the fire authorities to the employer.

The regulations apply to all workplaces and the self employed. To conform with the new legislation the employer is now responsible for carrying-out a Fire Risk Assessment covering the safety of all persons in the event of a fire. Based on this assessment the employer then has to develop policies and procedures to deal with the risk of fire and ensure employees receive regular training and fire drills.

Key features of Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005:

- All previous fire legislation including the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and the amended 1997 Fire Precautions (Workplace) Act will be replaced by the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Fire Certificates will no longer be valid
- Fire risk assessments must be conducted
- Steps must be taken to remove or reduce the risks identified from the assessment
- Employers must also provide clearly marked escape routes and ensure regular maintenance of Fire Protection equipment.

Failing to comply with the new regulations could result in a £5,000 fine or up to 5 years in prison.

Solutions available from BuckHickman InOne

- Fire safety log book (2007/8 catalogue pages 1861)
- Fire Risk assessment DVD & Video (2007/8 catalogue pages 1810 - 1811)
- Fire warden kits (2007/8 catalogue pages 1861)
- Escape ladders (2007/8 catalogue pages 1860)
- Extinguishers & stands (2007/8 catalogue pages 1857 - 1862)
- Signs (2007/8 catalogue pages 1816 - 1824)
- Self contained alarms (2007/8 catalogue page 1859 - 1860)
- Fire Safety Hi-Vis jerkins (2007/8 catalogue pages 1861)
- Hoses and hose reels (2007/8 catalogue pages 1859 - 1860)
- Fire buckets (2007/8 catalogue pages 1859)
- Fog horns (2007/8 catalogue page 1860)
- Self extinguishing cigarette litter bins (2007/8 catalogue pages 2021 - 2022)
- No smoking signs (2007/8 catalogue pages 2020 - 2021)
- Shelters (2007/8 catalogue page 2022)
- Fire retardant sealants to prevent the spread of fire (2007/8 catalogue page 1264)

For more information on Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 visit:
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