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Fire Risk Assessment

With the latest Government England figures (September 2022) revealing that there were 276 fire-related fatalities in the past year and over 620,000 incidents attended to by the fire and rescue services,¹ it's no wonder that more and more businesses are talking about increasing their contingencies associated with fire resilience.

As well as a moral concern, it's also a legal requirement imposed across the UK: The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in England and Wales; The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 in Scotland; and The Fire Safety (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2010.

Is it time to assess your fire risk?

The law requires a fire risk assessment be undertaken for all places and structures with the exemption of individual private homes – that's individual flats in a block or family homes. Other places covered by the legislation includes shared areas of houses in multiple occupation (HMOs), and with the exception of Scotland the communal parts of blocks of flats.

What happens during an assessment?

A Gallagher risk specialist can identify the hazards and people at risk before evaluating and advising on how risks can be reduced or removed where possible. As an add-on to our standard fire risk assessment, and if required by you, we can: record findings, prepare an emergency plan and provide training to those who need it. After that, it's up to you to review and update your assessment regularly.

What areas do we look at?

During your comprehensive fire risk assessment, we'll look at: how a fire might start, fire detection systems, fire prevention measures and your emergency evacuation plan for getting occupiers out of the building in the event of fire. We'll also advise on how to care for the vulnerable such as elderly, children or those with disabilities.

Who is our service suitable for?

Our service can be used by a wide variety of sectors including, but not limited to: schools, offices, manufacturers and hotels; all of which should have fire management in place.

Fire safety management

In addition to the fire risk assessment, to ensure that you can protect your business, your staff and your buildings, we also offer a fire safety management service. This offering is designed to minimise the potential losses from a fire by designing an integrated approach to your fire risk mitigation.

Fire strategy is often designed in conjunction with a new building or refurbishment, but can be implemented at any time.

¹<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fire-and-rescue-incident-statistics-england-year-ending-september-2022/fire-and-rescue-incident-statistics-england-year-ending-september-2022>



Described by the British Standards Institution (PAS 911) as ‘a clear set of measures encompassing fire precautions, management of fire safety and fire protection’; it is more than just this however, it works to implement objectives specific to your business, which can reduce the risk to the lives of your employees and visitors, along with protecting your assets from litigation.

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Our review will cover a wide range of factors including legislation relevant to the location of the workplace, your building’s layout and materials, fire compartmentalisation including escape routes, fire alarms, evacuation strategies, emergency lighting and signage, how easily the fire department can reach you, smoke ventilation and your buildings vulnerability to arson.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CHOOSING GALLAGHER?

We can help you to meet your legal obligations by helping you improve the safety within your buildings, helping you achieve and maintain compliance with fire safety regulations, while potentially reducing the risk of an incident and resulting damage, litigation or even loss of life. We’ve been carrying out assessments for many years, so we know what to look for.

Would you like to talk?

To find out more or to book your assessment, please get in touch:

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