

WORKPLACE & FACILITIES EXPO

FIRE SAFETY MANAGEMENT OF OCCUPIED BUILDINGS

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BUILDING REGULATIONS 2006

- Technical Guidance Document B states “The guidance contained in this Document has been based on the assumption that there will be an adequate level of fire safety management when the building is in use.”
- “Active fire safety measures...the management of such systems during the life of the building is an important consideration”
- “The management of passive systems...is also important, to ensure that deterioration over the life of a building will not impair the level of fire safety”

ALL WORKPLACES

SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE AT WORK ACT 2005

- Prepare risk assessments...that take account of the general principles of prevention...when implementing necessary safety, health and welfare measures
- Every employer must identify the hazards at the place of work, assess the risks from those hazards and have a written risk assessment of those risks as they apply
- The employer must take steps to implement any improvements considered necessary

ALL PREMISES (NOT HOUSES)

FIRE SERVICES ACTS 1981 & 2003

- Section 19 of the Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003 states “potentially dangerous building” means any building which would, in the event of a fire..., constitute a serious danger to life for any of the following reasons -
 - Absence of adequate means of egress from the building
 - Inadequate appliances or fittings for the automatic detection of fire or warning to persons in case of fire
 - Inadequate appliances or fittings for emergency lighting

So, how do you assess your compliance with the Fire Safety Certificate that was granted pre-construction; assess your fire risk under the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act, or assess your compliance under the Fire Services Acts



FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

- Fire Risk Assessment will help ensure that fire safety procedures, fire prevention measures, and fire precautions are all in place and working properly, and identify any issues that require attention
- It is an organised and methodical look at a premises, the activities carried on there and the likelihood that a fire could start and cause harm to those in and around the premises