

# FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS

The risk of fire and the resulting threat to human life and continuity of operations is an ever present danger to organisations of every size.

So are your organisation's building, premises and facilities compliant with current fire safety laws by all employees understanding what is required of them?

Do your employees know what fire precautions they should take? Do they know what to do on discovering a fire?

Do they know what to do in the event of an emergency and how to evacuate your building, premises or facility safely?

If you answered 'no' to any of the above then your organisation maybe in breach of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and could be prosecuted or fined or served a notice or be exposed to significant legal claims. The provision of training is not a matter of choice or optional, it is an absolute legal requirement for your organisation.

**'FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS'** from Insight 2 aims to change the way that your organisation thinks about fire safety. It's designed to promote a culture within your business that encourages everyone to focus on fire prevention and the correct action to take in the event of a fire.

The module is aimed at all levels of employees or those who occupy or work in your organisation's buildings, premises or facilities.

It is a high quality training solution that gives the trainee the necessary tools to meet their health, safety and environment obligations



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## 1. Fire Safety Regulations

### PLEASE BE AWARE OF FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS

There is a **legal requirement** to provide fire safety training to **ALL** employees under current **Health and Safety and Fire Safety Regulations**.

Employers **MUST** ensure that adequate training is provided to **ALL** employees:

- upon appointment e.g. as part of an induction process
- when exposed to a new or increased risk
- periodically as a refresher course

The training **must** take account of the significant findings of the organisation's fire risk assessment of the premises.



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## 1. Testing evacuation procedures

Fire evacuation from a building requires periodic testing and monitoring. The facts to remember are:

- ALL organisations have a responsibility to perform **fire drills twice a year** and more frequently if personnel work outside of normal working hours e.g. if a shift system is in operation.
- Fire alarms **MUST** be tested weekly using different call points.
- Although no prior warnings make fire drills more realistic, organisations should provide prior warning of the exercise to it's employees.

If it is more than twelve months since you last experienced a fire drill you should contact your Fire Safety or Health and Safety Manager for guidance.



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## 5. Summary

You should now know:

- If there is in **ANY DOUBT WHATSOEVER** over whether a fire can be tackled safely, then you **should raise the alarm** and commence evacuation procedures immediately
- If you need to use a fire extinguisher then you should raise the fire alarm first
- To extinguish a fire you **MUST** break the fire triangle by removing one of its components: Fuel, Heat or Oxygen
- Fires are classified (Classes A to F) by the type of fuels that are burning e.g. solids, liquids, gases, metals and cooking oils / fats
- ALL new extinguishers will be RED in colour, with additional colour coded markings to indicate their contents.



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## Question 1

The process of fire is known as?

A.	Combustion
B.	Conduction
C.	Convection
D.	Construction



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