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by Fire Service  
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## ZONE 1 service base

### Fire Risk Assessments

#### Your Legal (and moral) Responsibilities

In short, the current legislation – the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 - applies to virtually all non-domestic properties, including voluntary organisations and is subject to monitoring and enforcement by the Local Authority Fire Service (LAFS). In general it is considered best practice for the assessment to be carried out annually. Failure to do so could mean your premises is served with Enforcement or Prohibition Notices by the Fire Service, often ending in loss or disruption to your business.

#### It's not just about ticking boxes. Anyone can tick a box!

Adena Fire goes further by providing clear and concise explanations of good practice and areas that fall short of fire safety requirements.

Your Fire Risk Assessment report will provide recommendations in laymen's terms as to the actions that need to be taken to make your premises safe for everyone that visits or works in it. Not least, we make sure you have the right tools and information to ensure your compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. A useful summary of the Order can be downloaded from our downloads and docs section, later in the newsletter.

All of our Assessors are serving or recently retired officers from the British Fire Service, and have passed a Fire Risk Assessors course that is affiliated to the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE).

Your Fire Risk Assessment will be carried out in accordance with PAS79 - the recommended methodology of the IFE and BSI – (British Standards Institute).

We understand the legislation inside out, and know how best to implement it and make it work for your business. Our experience and understanding of fire and how it behaves, means that we are able to be more flexible, allowing more cost-effective solutions to be adopted – rather than simply basing our advice on stringent technical guidance.

We have significant experience in a vast range of premises, and have conducted assessments on thousands of premises. Your Fire Risk Assessment will identify any additional requirements you may need to fulfill such as staff training and Fire Emergency Plans.

If you're not sure if you need a Fire Risk Assessment, call us today. We would be happy to advise you, and where requested, provide a competitive quote.

**Call us on 0845 6432 999  
to discuss your requirements**

## ZONE 2 team focus

### Some facts about Tim - Professional



**NAME:**  
Tim Russell

**TITLE:**  
Fire Safety  
Consultant

Tim Russell has worked in the Fire industry for over 20 years.

Tim now works as a Technical Fire Safety Officer and Fire Engineer for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, and has specialised in this role for 10 years.

He has carried out hundreds of fire risk assessments and audits for all types of premises, as well as many consultancy projects for Adena Fire. He is a Registered Fire Risk Auditor with the Institution of Fire Engineers.

Tim has attended many courses covering Fire Risk Assessment, Building Regulations and Fire Safety Legislation. He has a Diploma in Fire Prevention, a Bachelors Degree in Fire Engineering and a Post-Graduate Masters Degree in Fire Safety Engineering. Tim is an Engineering Technician with the UK Engineering Council and a Technician Member of the Institute of Fire Engineers.

### Some facts about Tim - Personal

Tim lives in Rayleigh, Essex and in his previous life worked in a pawnbrokers!

## ZONE 3 consequences

### There are always consequences...

Owners of the Tantons Hotel in Bideford, Devon pleaded guilty to five offences under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, and were fined £40,000. A fire at the premises in May 2011 in which 55 people were evacuated. Sadly, the hotel has not opened since.

Fire Safety Breaches which led to the prosecution:

1. Failure to implement the requirements of the fire risk assessment
2. Failure to provide adequate fire detection and alarm equipment
3. Inadequate fire resisting doors
4. Failure to ensure escape routes were kept clear
5. Failure to maintain a final exit door and self-closing fire doors

The Judge gave a clear indication that a strong message needed to go out to those that manage and invest in hotels about the importance of fire safety.

Station Manager Graham Rooke of Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Source: StayLegal

## ZONE 4 advice

### The fact is that MOST fires are preventable

Over 22,000 fires were documented (in 2013/14) and more than 140 deaths occurred (in the first six months of 2013) in non-dwelling buildings (including retail units, pubs/bars/carehomes, manufacturing plants) in the UK, according to government statistics.

Employers (and/or building owners or occupiers) must ensure that they have an up-to-date Fire Risk Assessment – general best practice is for this to be up-dated annually, or following significant changes to the premises.

Based on the findings of the Fire Risk Assessment, employers (or the Responsible Person) must ensure that the appropriate actions are taken to rectify any areas that fall short of the requirements by law (the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005).

The most common causes of fire in the workplace are:

1. **Faulty electrics** – in particular, loose wires, overloaded plugs and old equipment. It is essential that Portable Appliance Tests (PAT) are conducted and that good care is taken of all electrical equipment.
2. **Flammable and combustible materials** – these can represent a dangerous hazard to employees, residents and visitors to your premises. It is essential that these items are stored and disposed of appropriately, as well as clear processes for handling these materials.
3. **Human error** – accidents such as knocking liquid into electrical equipment, burning food or spilling flammable or combustible liquids.
4. **General negligence** – where proper procedures are not being followed or a member of staff undertaking an activity known as a potential fire hazard.
5. **Arson** – although this is a fairly infrequent occurrence, there are things that can be done to reduce the likelihood of it occurring, such as CCTV.

Companies should have clear and concise fire safety processes and procedures which are communicated to staff and residents (through Fire Safety Training and regular Evacuation Drills), and the recommendations of your Fire Risk Assessments should be implemented, to help reduce the likelihood of a fire occurring, or in the worse case scenario, ensures a swift evacuation can be made.

If you would like advice tailored to your specific requirements, please do give us a call on 0845 6432 999.

## ZONE 5 downloads and docs

FIRE SAFETY LOG BOOK [DOWNLOAD](#)

### Fire Safety Log Book

A Log Book is required to record the testing and maintenance of your fire safety practices, and is reviewed by the Local Authority Fire Service.

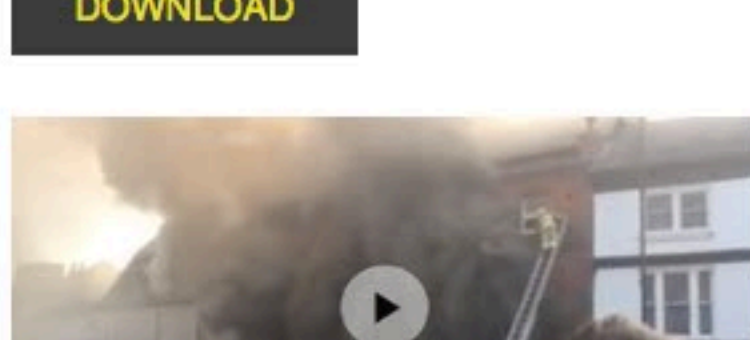
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### The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

This normally complex document has been produced in a simple to understand summary version for you to download.

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### Sudbury, Suffolk - September 2015

The BBC report at the time of the fire stated: "About 20 people have been made homeless by a fire which affected 11 properties and five businesses in Sudbury, Suffolk."

One large Georgian building was destroyed in the blaze, which is thought to have begun in a nail bar. Three people were taken to hospital with minor burns and smoke inhalation.

## ZONE 6 in our opinion...

### Are firefighters best placed to provide fire safety advice?

Firstly, I put my hands up to writing this article from a position of bias, as Adena Fire only uses British Fire Service professionals for all the fire safety services we provide.

However, I'm not suggesting all Fire Service professionals make great consultants. But the right Fire Service experience combined with the right training and hands-on consultancy experience, make a very powerful combination.

**My argument:**

Most big companies like their senior management to have gained some grass roots experience in their industry/company. Yet so many fire safety consultants, trainers and engineers have little or no 'hands-on' experience in fire safety prior to attending industry training courses and delivering fire safety advice or services to their clients.

The Fire Service professionals that work for Adena Fire have all gained a sound and thorough knowledge of fire safety guidance and legislation, as well as a wealth of operational experience on how fires start and behave, during their Fire Service careers. Of course, we also ensure that these personnel undertake continued professional development via the relevant private sector industry training courses.

So when consultants with Fire Service experience undertake Fire Risk Assessment and Consultancy work for our clients, they are able to provide them with informed advice. Their experience and understanding of fire means that they are able to be more flexible, allowing more cost-effective solutions to be adopted.

Our fire safety trainers have been instructors within the Fire Service, all of whom have obtained teaching qualifications. Again, I believe this helps make them great fire safety trainers – able to engage their audiences and ensure that they really understand the importance of fire safety in their workplace.

And lastly, when testing dry or wet risers, using Fire Service professionals can't be beaten. No training courses can replace the hands-on experience and knowledge serving firefighters have gained when using these fixed fire protection systems to actually put fires out. Consequently, this allows our engineers to understand exactly what problems may occur and how to rectify them. It also allows them to make sound evidence based judgments in what problems need to be rectified and what faults have no bearing on the operational effectiveness of the riser, once again saving clients needless repair costs or allowing us to come up with the most cost effective solution to rectify the fault.

Jacqui Critch, Director, Adena Fire Safety Services Ltd

## ZONE 7 what our clients say...

"I have been using the services of Adena Fire for a number of years now, and continue to be impressed by their professionalism and high standards. Their attention to detail and level of knowledge is second-to-none, and as Fire Service professionals, they bring an added level of hands on experience, which many of their competitors can't compete with. This, combined with their competitive prices and professional approach, means that I have no hesitation in recommending Adena Fire."

André Phillippen, Assistant Shopping Centre Manager - Lagmar (Barking) Ltd

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