



FIRE SAFETY SERVICES
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We thought that given the time of year, with holidays looming and all of us spending more time away from home, it would be useful to give a little bit of focus to the tourism and hospitality industries. That said, in general, the information provided in the following pages, is relevant across other industries too.

ZONE 1 service base

Fire Safety Training

Your Legal (and moral) Responsibilities

Your staff are key in ensuring that in the event of a fire, the least amount of damage to your premises is caused, and avoid where possible, personal harm or loss of life. Adena Fire trainers take their responsibilities very seriously, and aim to provide training which both engages delegates and assists in the retention of the information. By the end of the training, delegates will be able to identify when a fire occurs (or is suspected to occur), how to evacuate the premises, and how to deal with a small fire (should it be safe to do so) with a portable fire extinguisher.

Our trainers receive fantastic feedback and are often specifically requested for further training sessions with a client. Of course, we do take any suggestions for improvements very seriously, so we're never complacent.

All Adena Fire trainers have:

1. Served as Instructors (training Fire Service recruits) in the British Fire Service
2. City and Guild Teaching Certification
3. Extensive commercial experience as Trainers (and Fire Risk Assessors)

Your staff really do learn!

Our trainers make sure that the sessions cover everything that they need to, but understand that true learning requires them to engage their audience. They do this by making sure the content of the training is relevant, interesting and that it's delivered in a way that your staff understand and retain the information. We do not simply read from a presentation, and allow time for delegates to ask questions specific to their own areas and experiences.

When our clients have the space, we can deliver live fire training – allowing students to enjoy a real hands-on experience (and dare we say, have some fun!). This is particularly popular with our clients and it has an additional benefit of helping delegates to retain the knowledge.

Types of training:

1. Fire Safety Awareness and Extinguisher Training – [follow this link for full details](#)
2. Fire Marshal/Warden Training – [follow this link for full details](#)

In summary, each training session can include:

1. Delivery of classroom-based theoretical training
2. Live-fire practical demonstration – Adena Fire will bring live fire simulators to your premises and extinguishers (dependent on suitable outside space)
3. Q&A
4. Certificates for all students
5. Evaluation forms – which we're happy to summarise and report back to the client

We treat every client as individual

Our training packages can be tailored to meet your specific requirements, and it is particularly beneficial when Adena Fire has previously conducted a Fire Risk Assessment for the client. We offer a package price for clients who have a Fire Risk Assessment and Training on the same day, at the same site.

If you would like to chat to us about a standard training session, or have specific requirements for a tailored session, please contact us and tell us how we might help you and we'll do what we can to meet your requirements.

Call us today on 0845 6432 999

ZONE 2 team focus

Some facts about Steve - Professional



NAME:
Steve Harvey

TITLE:
Fire Safety
Consultant

Steve has worked in the fire safety industry for over 37 years.

He worked for thirty years in the London Fire Brigade, where he rose through the ranks to become Station Commander. Within this role he was the Fire Safety Officer for numerous London Boroughs with responsibility for some of the biggest building developments in the capital.

Steve has carried out hundreds of Fire Risk Assessments, has provided fire safety consultancy across a wide range of premises, and is frequently called upon to assist clients in cases where the Local Fire Authority have served Enforcement Notices against their premises.

Steve is a Graduate Member of the Institute of Fire Engineers and undertakes continuing professional development.

Some facts about Steve - Personal

Steve lives in Benfleet with his wife Jan, son Ross and daughter Erin.

ZONE 3 consequences

There are always consequences...

Why selecting a competent and experienced Fire Risk Assessor is critical (both for them and you!)

On 8 July 2011, Nottingham Crown Court dealt with what is believed to be the first successful prosecution of a fire risk assessor. A prison sentence was imposed upon the assessor and also the operator of the premises concerned.

The case

Browne Jacobson Solicitors advised Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority throughout the investigation and prosecution of Mr David Liu, the operator of two hotels, and Mr O'Rourke who had conducted risk assessments in respect of both premises.

Mr Liu was the licensee and a responsible person for the purposes of the Order for both premises. Mr John O'Rourke, trading as Mansfield Fire Protection Services, carried out fire risk assessments at both premises and was responsible for ensuring that the risk assessments were suitable and sufficient.

However, deficiencies at the premises included:

1. Fire risk assessments were not suitable and sufficient
2. Inadequate fire doors at the premises compromising exit routes
3. An emergency exit was locked
4. Emergency lighting at the premises was inadequate
5. Inadequate fire detection at the premises
6. Fire extinguishers were not sufficiently maintained
7. The fire alarm and emergency lighting were not sufficiently maintained

Having originally proceeded on not-guilty pleas in the Magistrates Court and a defence statement having been filed by Mr Liu, both Mr Liu and Mr O'Rourke entered guilty pleas in the Crown Court. Prior to sentence the fire authority applied for, and successfully obtained, a Financial Circumstances Order forcing the defendants to disclose their financial affairs. **Both were sent to prison for eight months and ordered to pay the full prosecution costs claimed (Mr Liu - £15,000 and Mr O'Rourke £5,862.38).**

The fire risk assessor

The risk assessments failed to identify deficiencies with means of escape, fire separation and fire warning systems at both premises, which were of such a low standard that persons were at risk of death or serious harm in the case of fire. Evidence was also provided from an enforcement officer at Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority highlighting the significant deviations from HM Government Guidance for Fire Risk Assessment in places providing beds for an overnight stay.

The importance of ensuring the competence of persons offering services to undertake fire safety assessments was clearly accepted by the judge who stated: 'It seems to me an example has to be set about risk assessors, who are not qualified...'

In summary

All persons who take on any duties under the Order are accountable for their actions, but primary responsibility rests with employers (occupiers and owners).

ZONE 4 advice

Alan Palmer, Secretary of the UK Fire Association discusses the importance of the 'Responsible Person'

In principle, fire safety should be a high priority for every business. There is an array of activities that businesses should undertake to ensure that they are compliant with fire safety law – ensuring that you are protecting your employees, the public or anyone who stays in, or visits your premises.

Does your company have a 'Responsible Person'?

If you don't know, it is probably wise to read on. It is important for most organisations* to have a 'Responsible Person' who understands and takes care of, the fire safety management on a day-to-day basis for your premises – for example, keeping the Fire Safety Log Book up-to-date with information such as the current Fire Risk Assessment, the Fire Emergency Plan and a log of your regular Fire Evacuation Drills. All of which should be up-to-date and still relevant to your premises, to ensure that your business is compliant with the Fire Safety Order.

In general, the Responsible Person will have a deeper understanding of fire safety and will have been fully trained as a Fire Warden as well as have an in-depth knowledge of the building layout, fire escapes and assembly points. They must ensure the safety of employees and other relevant persons – this will include:

- Fire safety policies and procedures
- Fire Risk Assessment – ensuring that recommended actions are implemented
- Fire drills and regular checks
- Fire Alarms and emergency lighting
- Means of escape – including ensuring that fire exits are clear and unlocked
- Fire extinguishers and signage
- Fire doors and compartments
- Maintenance of fire protection and procedures

Depending on the size of your business, you may also deem it necessary to assign other Fire Wardens to assist in the management of fire safety for your premises. In addition, all staff should be given a general overview of fire safety management for your premises, and it is likely that this would fall within the remit of the Responsible Person, although most organisations will bring in specialist fire safety companies to conduct the training.

These employees are key in limiting the likelihood of harm to persons and/or damage to your premises in the unfortunate event of a fire.

***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.**

The UK-FA was formed in 2009 to support and promote professional small to medium sized fire protection companies who by nature tend to provide a more personal and caring level of service at a reasonable price. Phone: 01932 252 306 Website: www.uk-fa.org

ZONE 5 downloads and docs

FIRE SAFETY LOG BOOK [DOWNLOAD](#)

Fire Safety Log Book

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

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FIRE SAFETY LAW SUMMARISED [DOWNLOAD](#)

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.

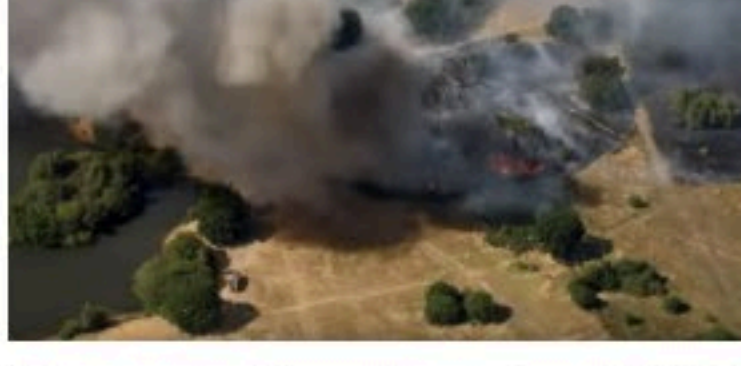
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Fires caused by extreme heat (2013)

This clip is from 2013 and shows that even the UK can see extreme heat, resulting in fires – this shows the devastation caused by the fire in Wanstead Flats (London)

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ZONE 6 in our opinion...

Staycation Destinations & Fire Safety Compliance

With an exponential rise in UK residents taking holidays in the UK, it is absolutely crucial that our destination is fully compliant with fire safety regulations. In particular, there has been a spate of injuries and deaths, and damage to property, from fires in caravans around the UK in recent months. Only in the last week, have we seen a number of these tragic events occurring.

Although most caravan sites and holiday parks will be compliant with fire safety, some may not. This is a specialist area and fire safety advice should be sought from fire safety consultants using the relevant and correct legislation.

Safe distances between caravans (thus minimizing a domino-effect spread of fire), smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are all essential, as is the safe storage and use of gas cylinders, and regular servicing by GasSafe registered engineers of all domestic-type boilers within caravans.

You can [download a copy of the current regulations and guidance here](#).

Just last week in the news:

15th May: A man has died after a fire at a caravan park near Great Yarmouth. It happened at around 3am today (Sunday 15 May) at Breydon Water Caravan Park in Burgh Castle.

16th May: A man has died in a fire in a caravan in Staffordshire. Firefighters arrived at St James' caravan park on New Road, Featherstone, at about 00:30 BST and spent more than five hours tackling the blaze.

17th May: Fire crews are this evening (Tuesday) tackling a caravan fire to the rear of a property in Bembridge. Appliances from Ryde and Bembridge are damping down the scene having battled against a fire which has destroyed a caravan.

18th May: A fire at a storage site in Tortaen has destroyed 18 touring caravans and left 13 others with heat damage.

The 'staycation'...

- 58% of British residents' holiday trips took place domestically in 2014, compared to 53% in 2008 (source: VisitEngland)
- The number of foreign holidays taken by UK residents was 15% lower in 2014 than in 2008 (source: IPS)
- UK registrations of new motorhomes rose by 10.6% between September 2014 - June 2015, with motor caravans rising 22.3% (source: European Caravan Federation)

ZONE 7 what our clients say...

"The Adena Fire assessor recently visited our premises to conduct the Fire Risk Assessment, and made some recommendations regarding fire safety for our site – although I was delighted that we are in fact doing most things within the guidelines for our premises. The safety of our campers and caravaners, and the safe storage of our customers' caravans is of paramount importance. The assessor was extremely competent, friendly and professional, and I have already forwarded their details to a number of my contacts."

Sam Sellers, Sellers Leisure Ltd Colchester Holiday Park

ZONE 8 our accreditations...



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