

We are making fire safety law simpler to help save lives

What are the changes?

- The law will emphasise preventing fires and reducing risk
- It will be your responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone who uses your premises, and in the immediate vicinity
- Fire certificates will be abolished.

Will this affect me?

Yes, if you are:

- responsible for business premises
- an employer
- self-employed with a business premise
- a charity or voluntary organisation
- a contractor with a degree of control over any premises.

Private homes are not included.

1st October 2006 is a key date

– the new law comes into effect and you must comply

What will I have to do?

You must carry out a fire risk assessment in your premises. The aim is to help you keep people, and your premises, safe from fire.

Enforcing authorities (usually fire authorities) will be inspecting your premises to make sure you comply.

How do I do this?

We can help. There are five key steps to conducting a fire risk assessment. We have produced an easy-to-use checklist (see inside) to help you.

ACT NOW to make sure you are **safe** and **within the law**