

## **The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1999.**

Do these Fire Safety Regulations apply to me?

Yes, if you employ staff. Every employer has to ensure that he/she complies with the requirements of these fire safety regulations, relating to every workplace that is under his/her control.

What am I required to do?

When considering fire doors carry out a Risk Assessment of your premises. You should assess the fire risks in the workplace i.e. sources of ignition, combustible materials, and:

Check that a fire can be detected as quickly as possible and people are warned eg. installation of fire alarms.

Ensure the fire alarm is operating correctly and forms part of a weekly bell test.

Ensure that workers can get out safely; this includes protecting corridors and stairways with self-closing fire doors. Dorgard is a cost-effective battery operated device used to safely retain fire doors open. When a fire alarm sounds, Dorgard allows the fire doors to swing shut automatically.

Provide fire-fighting equipment such as fire extinguishers.

Ensure that workers know what to do in the event of a fire — identify escape routes, which need to be signposted and well lit.

Maintain and test your fire safety equipment regularly.

Dorgard complies with the relevant fire safety regulations because it can keep fire doors open in busy areas; it simply listens for the sound of the fire alarm. When the alarm sounds, the rubber stopper keeping the door open retracts, allowing the fire door to swing closed.

The installed cost for Dorgard is typically less than a quarter of the price of an alternative electro-magnetic device.

For more information on Fire Precautions (Workplace) Fire Safety Regulations 1997/1999, visit [www.firesafe.org.uk](http://www.firesafe.org.uk) or [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)