

FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT – Self Assessment

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If the building is materially altered or the occupancy changes the fire risk assessment must be updated.

Responsible Person		
Name of Premises or Company		
Address		
Post Code	Telephone №	
Name of Assessor(s)		
Signature of Assessor(s)		
Date of Assessment	Date of Review w Responsible Perso	

Building

Property Use		
Nº of floors	Nº of floors below ground	
Approx area in m ² of footprint of building	Age of building	
Brief details of construction		

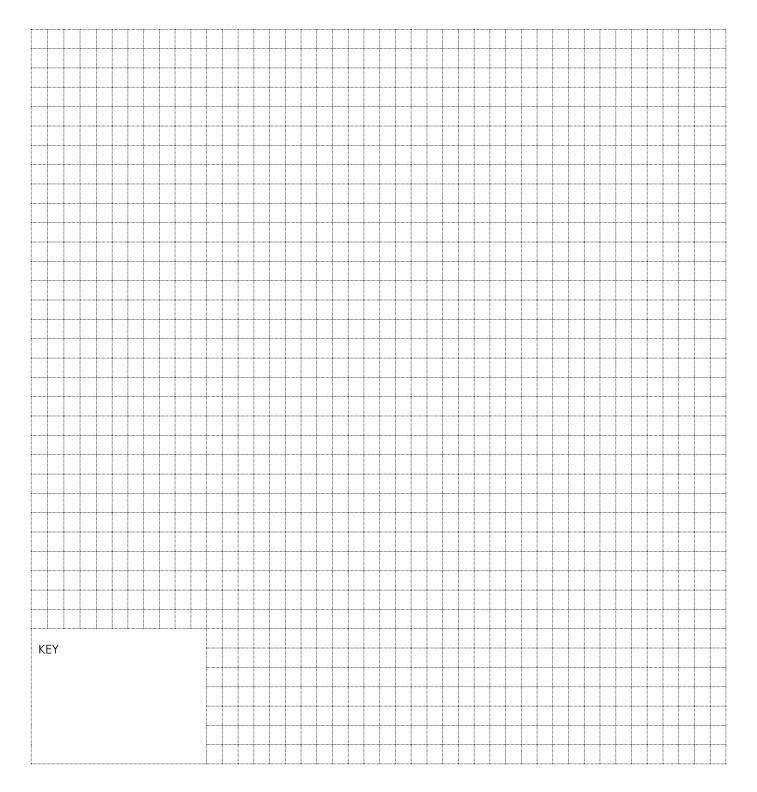
Building Occupants

Occupancy Profile:	Weekdays	Weeke	ends
Maximum Number of persons, in the most highly occupied compartment			
Are people sleeping in premises?			
If so, how many			
	Atypically mobile for this type of o	ccupancy	
Description of Occupants: Predominant Type	Average mobility for this type of o	ccupancy	
	Untypically vulnerable for this type	ofoccupancy	



Building Plan

Insert plan of your building here or if you do not possess one, use this space to draw your building floor plan (this does not have to be to scale). Further guidance can be found in Part 1 Section 4.1 of the appropriate guide. Mark on all fire precautions equipment e.g. Fire doors, Extinguishers, Emergency lighting, Fire alarm and any fire detection.





FIRE HAZARDS AND THEIR ELIMINATION OR CONTROL

1. SOURCES OF FUEL

1.1	Are there any highly flammable substances in the premises. E.g. paints, thinners, flammable gases etc, flammable chemicals, plastics, rubber, foams – polystyrene / polyethylene?	Yes	No □
	Control Measures		
	Replace them with safer alternatives		
	Remove or significantly reduce any highly flammable substances		
	Keep them in fire resisting stores		
	Separate them from heat sources by use of fire resisting construction		
	Keep minimum quantity in workroom		
	Ensure all containers are kept closed when not in use		
	Other (state here):		
1.2	Are flammable liquids or gases used or stored in areas without adequate ventilation?	Yes	No
	Control Measures		
	Improve ventilation		
	Other (state here):		

1.3 Are there quantities of combustible material stored, on display, or in use in the premises. E.g. Paper, cardboard, packaging, fabrics, wood?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Replace stocks of combustible materials with non-combustibles		
Reduce stocks of readily combustible materials to a minimum		
Separate such materials from heat sources or by fire resisting construction		



Other (state here):		
1.4 Are quantities of combustible waste allowed to accumulate in the premises such as Paper, cardboard, wood shavings, dust?	Yes	No □
Control Measures		
Improve the arrangements for the disposal of waste and rubbish		
Improve the general housekeeping		
Ensure staff are aware of the standard of housekeeping required		
Give specific additional training to the staff responsible		
Other (state here):		

1.5 Does the premises contain foam filled furniture which is not combustion modified (see label) or is worn to the point that it exposes the foam interior?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Replace or repair		
Other (state here):		

1.6 Are areas of walls or ceilings covered with combustible linings? such as walls covered with carpet tiles, ceilings covered with polystyrene tiles. Do notice boards have large amounts of loose paper on them?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Remove		
Reduce		
Treat with fire resisting solution		
Cover		
Replace large notice boards with small		
Other (state here)		



1.7 Are combustible seasonal or promotional decorations, artificial foliage or plants used to decorate the premises?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Remove		
Treat with fire retardant spray/liquid		
Introduce real plants		
Replace with non combustible plants		
Other (state here):		

1.8 Are there additional sources of oxygen stored or used, such as oxidising chemicals, oxygen cylinders or piped systems?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Move oxidising material away from any heat or flammable materials		
Control use and storage of oxygen and chemicals		
Remove sources of ignition		
Other (state here):		



Note any significant findings from section 1:



2. SOURCES OF IGNITION

2.1 Does the work activity involve hot work processes such as welding or flame cutting, hot surfaces, sparks? Are hazards introduced by outside contractors and building works?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Replace with a cold system		
Implement a hot work permit system		
Minimise the amount of combustible materials on the work area		
Arrange so that hot metal and sparks are safely contained		
Eliminate hot surfaces/sparks		
Ensure satisfactory control over works carried out by outside contractors		
Impose fire safety conditions on outside contractors		
Other (state here)		

2.2		Yes	No
	Cooking?		
	Control Measures		
	Ensure that cookers, incinerators, etc. are used in accordance with manufacturer instructions.		
	Ensure they are cleaned regularly including surfaces, ducts or flues		
	Ensure food cooking is not left unattended		
	Give additional specific training to staff responsible		
	Ensure correct type of extinguisher if deep fat fryers are used		
	Other (state here)		



	Yes	No
2.3 Are heating appliances portable or of a radiant or open flame type?		
Control Measures		
Replace equipment with fixed convector heaters		
Ensure that gas or oil burning equipment is used in accordance with manufacturers instructions		
Ensure that all heaters are adequately guarded		
Ensure all portable heaters are stable and void of flammable materials		
Other (state here)		

2.4. Is smalling normitted?	Yes	No
2.4 Is smoking permitted?		
Control Measures		
Implement a smoking policy which provides for a safe smoking area and prohibition elsewhere		
Ensure suitable arrangement for informing visitors		
Enforce the prohibition of matches and lighters in high-risk		
Other (state here)		

2.5 Are there light fittings near combustible materials?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Remove combustible materials		
Replace tungsten/halogen bulbs with fluorescent tubes in areas where there is a possibility that combustible materials may be ignited		
Other (state here)		



2.6 Is electrical equipment and wiring: Faulty, damaged or not used in accordance with the Manufacturers Recommendations?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Repair or replace faulty or damaged equipment		
Portable Appliance Testing carried out		
Fixed installations periodically inspected and tested		
Suitable policy regarding the use of personal electrical appliances		
Ensure all fuses are the correct rating		
Other (state here)		

2.7 Are inspection lamps or extension leads used?	Yes	No
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Control Measures		
Ensure extension leads are fully uncoiled		
Limit extension leads and adaptors		
Ensure extension leads are not overloaded		
Suitable guards are covering inspection lamps		
Ensure flexible power cables are kept as short as possible and safely routed		
Other (state here)		



	Yes	No
2.8 Is Arson a potential problem?		
Control Measures		
Improve security measures e.g. lighting, cameras		
Remove combustible storage / waste bins from perimeter of building		
Ensure combustible storage is contained with lid secure		
Install anti-arson letterboxes		
Train occupants about handling of arson		
Ensure that occupants are aware of the alternative exits		
Other (state here)		

2.9 Is lightning a potential problem?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install lightning protection system		
Extend fire detection to cover roof void		
Incorporate measures in your emergency plan		
Other (state here)		



Note any significant findings from section 2:



3. IDENTIFY PEOPLE AT RISK

3.1 Are there any groups of people at increased risk from fire i.e. work in remote areas, lone working, sleeping?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Can they be re-located		
Improve the means for warning them about fire i.e. alarm and detection system		
Improve means of escape		
Other (state here)		

3.2 Are there people present who may be unable to react quickly to a fire	Yes	No
due to safety critical work process?		
Control Measures		
Introduce appropriate close down procedure		
Improve means of warning / means of escape		
Other (state here)		

3.3 In the event of a fire are there people present whose disabilities would put them at a disadvantage when required to evacuate in an emergency?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Incorporate Measures in your Emergency Plan		
Provide additional specialist equipment		
If staff are required to assist in an evacuation ensure sufficient numbers a appropriate training	nd 🗖	
Provide safe refuges		
Other (state here)		



3.4	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Yes	No
	escape routes ?		
	Control Measures		
	Ensure employees are adequately trained to assist with evacuation		
	Improve signage (Fire Action Signs, escape route signs etc)		
	Install maintained emergency exit signs		
	Ensure escape procedure is explained to visitors		
	Other (state here)		

3.5 Are builders, contractors or maintenance workers temporarily on	Yes	No
site?		
Control Measures		
Ensure they are aware of fire safety arrangements and emergency plan		
Other (state here)		



Note any significant findings from section 3:



4. MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM FIRE

4.1 In the event of fire can everyone safely escape from the premises?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Ensure existing exit routes and exits are available and unobstructed		
Improve fire alarm / detection system		
Provide additional routes and exits		
Provide training for safe evacuation		
Secure reasonable arrangements for disabled occupants		
Implement routine checks		
Other (state here)		

4.2 In the event of fire can everyone turn their back on the fire and evacuate	e to	Yes	No
a place of safety?			
Control Measures			
Provide additional escape routes			
Provide and maintain protected routes			
Provide compensating features i.e. smoke detection, engineer solution			
Other (state here)			

4.3 Do doors on escape routes, where necessary, open in the direction of travel?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Reduce number of people using exit to less than 60 people		
Re-hang in direction of travel		
Other (state here)		



4.4 Are door fastenings on exit routes and final exits easily operable?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Replace with a more suitable fastening		
Provide notices giving information on how to operate exit doors		
Provide training on operating techniques		
Other (state here)		

4.5 Is there a need for additional fire doors?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install fire doors (specify where and the rating)		
Fit surface mounted fire door seals (secify intumescent or		
intumescent/smoke)		
Other (state here)		

4.6 Are any fire doors a poor fit or requiring fitment or attention to a self closing mechanism?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Fit self closers		
Ensure doors fit correctly		
Implement routine check on door operation and maintain as required		
Other (state here)		



4.7	Are any of the fire door intumescent or intumescent/smoke seals missing or damaged?	Yes	No
	Control Measures		
	Replace fire door seals		
	Fit surface mounted fire door seals (specify intumescent or		
	intumescent/smoke)		
	Other (state here)		

4.8 Are any fire doors wedged or propped open?	Yes	No
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Control Measures		
Remove any wedges etc		
Install Fire Door Retainers to hold open doors legally		
Explain fire doors and the need to allow them to close to occupants		
Other (state here)		

4.9 Are all exit routes and exits adequately signed ?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install sufficient signs to enable people to find their way out		
Ensure signs are unobstructed and clearly visible from an appropriate distance		
Other (state here)		



4.10 Are all exit routes and exits adequately illuminated?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install emergency lighting		
Improve existing emergency lighting		
Other (state here)		

4.11 If the building is compartmentalised, are the walls and ceilings of sufficient	Yes	No
fire resistance?		
Control Measures		
Carry out detailed survey		
Strengthen fire resistance		
Other (state here)		

4.12 If the building is compartmentalised, are there openings that could allow	Yes	No
the spread of fire between compartments?		
Control Measures		
Seal openings		
Install passive fire protection		
Other (state here)		

4.13 Are there structural features that could promote the spread of fire and	Yes	No
therefore affect escape routes. Eg open plan floors?		
Control Measures		
Compartmentalise		
Create additional escape routes		
Other (state here)		



Compliance Section 4

Indicate the preventative and protective fire safety measures taken to show compliance with Part 2 of the Order for **Emergency routes and exits**.





5. FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE DETECTION

5.1	Are there sufficient extinguishers and hose reels of the appropriate	Yes	No
	type for the risk and are they located correctly?		
	Control Measures		
	Provide suitable additional fire fighting equipment including specialist equipment for special hazards		
	Locate on stands or brackets		
	Make visible and unobstructed		
	Provide additional signage		
	Other (state here)		

5.2	5.2 Are inspection labels on fire fighting equipment in date? Where self- maintained portable fire extinguishers are installed, is there an inspection	Yes	No
	record?		
	Control Measures		
	Carry out service/inspection of fire fighting equipment		
	Other (state here)		

5.3	Have sufficient people been trained in the use of fire fighting	Yes	No
	equipment?		
	Control Measures		
	Implement training programme		
	Other (state here)		

5.4 In the event of fire are there suitable arrangements for giving warning, including where necessary automatic fire detection?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install a more effective fire alarm system and or detection system		
Other (state here)		



5.5 Does the automatic fire detection system comply with industry guidelines for this type of building/occupancy? (Specify current arrangements in the compliance field at the end of section 5)	r Yes	No
Control Measures		
Install a more effective fire alarm system and or detection system		
Other (state here)		

5.6 Is the signage for the fire fighting equipment and fire alarm satisfactory?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Improve signage		
Other (state here)		

5.7 Are all appropriate persons trained on how to operate the fire warning	Yes	No
system and the action they should take upon hearing it?		
Control Measures		
Implement training programme		
Provide clear instructions		
Other (state here		



Compliance Section 5

Indicate the preventative and protective fire safety measures taken to show compliance with Part 2 of the Order for **Fire fighting and Fire detection**.



6. PROCEDURES, ARRANGEMENTS AND TRAINING

6.1	6.1 Are sufficient person(s) available to assist in implementation of fire	Yes	No
	safety measures?		
6.2	Are appropriate fire procedures in place, recorded and available for	Yes	No
	relevant persons to read?		
6.3	Are people nominated to respond to fire and assist with evacuation?	Yes	No
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4.4	Is there appropriate lighter with the Fire and Persue Authority?	Yes	No
6.4	Is there appropriate liaison with the Fire and Rescue Authority?		
4 E	Are routine in-house inspections of fire precautions undertaken?	Yes	No
6.5	Are rounne in-nouse inspections of me precabilons undertaken?		
6.6	Are new employees, tenants or building users given fire safety instruction on	Yes	No
	induction or taking over use of the premises?		
. 7	Are all staff aires periodic refresher training at suitable intervale?	Yes	No
0./	Are all staff given periodic refresher training at suitable intervals?		
10	Are building ecouponts guare of epocific goliens if there is a fire?	Yes	No
6.8	Are building occupants aware of specific actions if there is a fire?		
6.9	Are staff with special responsibilities e.g. Fire Marshals/Wardens/stewards	Yes	No
	given additional training?		
6.10	Have the Employers of contractors working at the premises ie. cleaners	Yes	No
	been informed of significant findings and fire procedures?		
6.11	6.11 Are persons under 18 employed, if so has an assessment been made of risks special to them and have their parents been informed of significant findings and fire procedures?	Yes	No
			No
6.12	Are fire drills carried out at appropriate intervals?	Yes	No



Indicate any deficiencies in this section :-



7. MAINTENANCE AND TESTING

7.1 Are the premises adequately maintained?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
Other (state here)		

7.2 Are door fastenings on all exit doors adequately maintained?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
Other (state here)		

7.3 Do all self closing devices and hold open devices work correctly?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
Other (state here)		

7.4 Has the emergency lighting system been tested and serviced (Monthly, Six-monthly, Annually) and according to manufacturers instructions?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
Other (state here)		

7.5 Has the fire alarm / detection system been regularly tested and serviced (Weekly, Annually) and according to manufacturers instructions?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		



	Other (state here)		
7.6	Have all fire extinguishers and hose reels been regularly inspected and Serviced (Monthly, Annually) in accordance to manufacturer's instructions?	Yes	No
	Control Measures		
	Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
	Other (state here)		

7.7 Has the sprinklers and fixed fire fighting systems been regularly tested and serviced (Weekly, Quarterly, Six-monthly, Annually) and according to manufacturers instructions?	Yes	No
Control Measures		
Correct any deficiencies and implement maintenance programme		
Other (state here)		



Compliance Section 7

Indicate the preventative and protective fire safety measures taken to show compliance with Part II of the Order for **Maintenance**.



8. FIRE SAFETY RECORDS

8.1	Have fire safety arrangements been recorded in a way that can be easily	Yes	No
	interpreted?		
8.2	Are there details of any significant findings from the fire risk assessment	Yes	No
	and any actions taken?		
8.3	Are there records of testing and checking of escape routes, including	Yes	No
	final exit locking mechanisms such as panic devices, emergency exit		
	devices and any electromagnetic devices?		
8.4	Are there records of testing and maintenance of emergency lighting?	Yes	No
8.5	Are there records of testing and maintenance of fire alarm / detection	Yes	No
	systems?		
8.6	Are there records of false fire alarms?	Yes	No
8.7	Are there records of testing and maintenance of fire extinguishers, hose	Yes	No
	reels and sprinkler systems etc.?		
8.8	Are there records of relevant training of employees including evacuation	Yes	No
	drills?		
8.9	Are there records of emergency plans and actions for the relevant people	Yes	No
	to take in the event of fire?		
Indicate any deficiencies in this section			



Significant Findings (filled in by Assessor)

ltem Nº	Section and Sub Paragraph	Description of Unsatisfactory Condition	Proposed Remedial Action.



Review of the Significant Findings – Remedial Action (to be filled in by Responsible Person after Assessment)

Date	ltem Nº	Section and Sub Paragraph	Remedial Action agreed	By when?	Who is responsible for Action?