

What happens if I don't do a fire risk assessment?

You are breaking the law and you could be putting people's lives at risk. We may inspect your premises as part of our responsibility to enforce the law, or a customer or someone working for you may report you to us if they feel at risk.

If we think you need to improve your fire safety, we can give you advice on what measures may be appropriate for you to take and agree a time period for you to make the improvements. We can also take formal legal enforcement action if you fail to do this, or if we find a serious fire risk that you are not managing, we can prohibit the use of part or all of your premises and your business may be closed down.

If you live on the premises you may have to find somewhere else to stay.

**If you require any
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Do You

**own a restaurant,
fast food outlet or
takeaway?**

If So

**fire safety law applies
to you and you must
take action.**



Reducing the Dangers

- ✓ Fit an alarm to provide early warning of fire throughout the building.
- ✓ Keep escape routes clear from combustible material and other obstructions.
- ✓ Maintain all kitchen equipment such as extractor fans to the relevant national standards.
- ✓ Protect/separate staircases with fire resisting construction to ensure your exit route is safe.

Make sure employees know how to:

- Get out of the building in the event of fire - work out an escape plan in advance.
- Get Out, Stay Out - call 999 and ask for Fire and Rescue Service.



What must I do?

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 - makes you responsible for taking steps to protect the people using your premises from the risk of fire.

You must:

- Carry out a Fire Risk Assessment
- If necessary, improve your fire safety measures
- Keep the risks and your fire safety measures under review.

What is a Fire Risk Assessment?

It is a thorough look at your premises and the people who are likely to use them. It considers the risk of fire breaking out and what measures you need to put in place to prevent it and keep people safe.



Follow the 5 key steps

Step 1

Identify fire hazards

Step 2

Identify people at risk

Step 3

Evaluate, remove or reduce and protect from risk

Step 4

Record, plan, inform, instruct and train

Step 5

Review your Fire Risk Assessment regularly