

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service



Do you own a restaurant,
fast food outlet or takeaway?

If so...fire safety law applies to you.



Reducing the dangers

- Fit an alarm to provide early warning of fire throughout the building.
- Keep escape routes clear from combustable 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.



Get out, stay out
and call the fire
service



Plan an escape
route and be
prepared



What must I do to comply with the law?

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 means you are legally responsible for taking steps to protect the people using your premises from the risk of fire and where necessary, you must improve your fire safety measures to ensure everyone can safely escape in case of fire.

Carry out a Fire Risk Assessment

A Fire Risk Assessment is a thorough look at your premises and the people who are likely to use them. It should consider 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

- Identify the hazards - sources of ignition and sources of fuel.
- Identify people at risk.
- Evaluate, remove, reduce or protect from risk.
- Record, plan, inform, instruct and train.
- Review your Fire Risk Assessment regularly.

What happens if I don't do a Fire Risk Assessment?

Put simply you are more likely to have a fire and less likely to recover from one. You may also put people at risk and be prosecuted.

Did you know the Fire Service may inspect your premises as part of our responsibility to enforce fire safety law?

If we feel you need to improve your fire safety we would normally first offer advice, but in serious cases we may take formal enforcement action and in some cases close, or place restrictions on your business or sleeping accommodation, until it is safe to open again.

The short time you invest in carrying out a Fire Risk Assessment and making improvements could protect the lives of your employees, customers or family members and ensure your business remains open.

Don't let this happen to you!

After pleading guilty to eight breaches of Fire Safety Legislation following a routine fire safety inspection, a Sunderland restaurant owner was given a prison sentence of four months for each offence to run concurrently, suspended for 15 months and ordered to pay approximately £5,000 in fines and costs.

We are happy to provide free fire safety advice. If you would like advice on fire safety matters you can contact us in the following ways:

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