



Regulatory Reform Order 2005

If you own or operate a business, since October 2006 you will need to comply with the Regulatory Reform Order 2005.

Where does the order apply,

The order applies to virtually all buildings, places and structures and open spaces. For example, it applies to:

- Offices & shops
- Premises that provide care, including care homes and hospitals
- Community halls, places of worship and other community premises
- The shared area of properties several households live in (housing law may also apply)
- Pubs, clubs and restaurants
- Schools and sports centres
- Tents and marquees
- Hotels and hostels
- Factories and warehouses

It is your responsibility to make sure your workplace reaches the required standard and employees are provided with adequate fire safety training.

Adequate fire safety training would generally include

- Induction training - general fire awareness
- Periodic refresher training
- Training to support people in fulfilling their fire safety duties, this will be the responsible person
- Training towards competence

What are the main rules under the order?

You must

- [carry out a fire risk assessment](#), identifying any possible dangers and risks. Let Sovereign alarms Limited take the strain out of your risk assessment, [click on this link](#)
- consider who may be especially at risk

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- get rid of or reduce the risk from fire as far as is reasonably possible and provide general fire precautions to deal with any risks left
- take other measures to make sure there is protection if flammable or explosive materials are used or stored
- create a plan to deal with any emergency and, in most cases keep records of your findings
- review your findings when necessary

Who is responsible for meeting the order

Under the order, anyone who has control of the premises or anyone who has a degree of control over certain areas or systems may be a 'responsible person'.

For example

- the employer for those parts of the premises staff may go to
- the managing agent or owner for shared parts of premises or shared fire safety equipment such as fire warning systems or sprinklers
- the occupier, such as self-employed people or voluntary organisations if they have any control
- any other person who has some control over a part of the premises