

The Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010

From **15 November 2010** all non-domestic premises must hold a valid Fire Safety Risk Assessment. Responsibility for fire safety will rest with the employer or those with any degree of control over premises.

The new regulations will replace the current requirement for some premises to have fire certificates. Instead all non-domestic premises will be required to hold a valid fire safety risk assessment. Employers, owners, managers and landlords will be responsible for ensuring that fire safety risk assessments are carried out and measures to protect lives are put in place.

What premises does the legislation apply to?

The law applies to almost all premises which are not private dwellings.

Examples include:

- Offices and shops;
- Premises that provide care, including care homes and hospitals;
- Pubs, clubs and restaurants;
- Places of worship;
- Educational establishments including schools;
- Theatres and cinemas;
- Sports centres and other community premises;
- Hotels and hostels;
- Guest houses and B&B accommodation;
- Shared areas of properties common to several households;
- Houses in multiple occupation;
- Factories and warehouses;
- Tents and marquees;
- Transport premises and facilities;
- Animal premises and stables;
- Open air events and venues.

It **does not** apply to people's private homes, including individual flats in a block or house.

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