Fire Risk Assessment Explained

A Fire Risk Assessment is an assessment of the Fire Risks to occupants of a building and other people in the vicinity of a building and to ensure that those people are safe from the risk of fire and its effects.

In England and Wales (under the *Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005*) a suitable and sufficient Fire Risk Assessment is a legal requirement. The legislation represents a shift from concentrating on Fire Protection to Fire Prevention.

A Fire Risk Assessment is a systematic and structured assessment of fire risk designed to determine the efficiency of existing fire precautions and detail the need for additional fire precautions in the Action Plan. The objective of the Action Plan is to set out measures that will reduce fire risk to a tolerable level.