

# SFJFS4

## Work in partnership to minimise risks to the community



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### Overview

This standard is about the management and coordination; liaison with stakeholders and implementation of action to improve fire safety and community safety. As well as a community that is served by a Fire and Rescue Service, the community can be specific to those that work/use specific environments such as: airports; docks and ports; industrial sites; railways etc.

#### **There are two elements**

- 1 Liaise with stakeholders to improve safety in the community
- 2 Implement action to improve community safety

#### **Target Group**

The standard is recommended for Practitioners, i.e. anyone who is employed or contracted to work with others in an organisation - managers, site safety representatives, owners and/or occupiers - to ensure that, within the scope of their responsibility, suitable and sufficient fire safety arrangements are made and maintained.

It is also appropriate for Regulators, i.e. anyone who has the responsibility for ensuring the requirements of Fire Safety and associated regulation are being met through cooperation or enforcement.

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### Performance criteria

#### **Liaise with stakeholders to improve safety in the community**

*You must be able to:*

- P1 seek and assess information on safety from relevant stakeholders
- P2 agree roles and responsibilities for improving safety, based on a risk assessment of community needs
- P3 develop and agree cohesive programmes for safety which are relevant, realistic, achievable and relevant to identified risks
- P4 secure commitment from stakeholders for the implementation of agreed programmes
- P5 encourage active communication and the exchange of information to ensure a culture of continuous improvement
- P6 explore new and innovative means of promoting safety
- P7 agree detailed plans, timescales and objectives for safety activities and ensure their integration within broader community plans

#### **Implement action to improve community safety**

*You must be able to:*

- P8 promote the benefits of active collaboration on safety issues to achieve commitment and involvement
- P9 Agree measures and methods to evaluate safety activities
- P10 confirm the roles, responsibilities, objectives and timescales for agreed activities
- P11 ensure the availability of agreed resources to support implementation, monitoring and review
- P12 implement agreed programmes within appropriate timescales
- P13 monitor implementation against agreed review measures
- P14 seek advice and support to manage any difficulties that arise during implementation
- P15 report on the actual results, effectiveness and sufficiency of safety activities
- P16 recommend methods and action to improve future safety activities

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the principles of fire and community safety
- K2 the range of tools available to obtain fire and community safety information
- K3 the organisational policy and working practice in relation to fire and community safety
- K4 the stakeholders involved in fire and community safety and their roles and responsibilities
- K5 the objectives and components of safety education in the community
- K6 the current safety programmes and activities and their purpose
- K7 the critical risks within the community and associated control measures
- K8 how to prioritise community safety initiatives
- K9 how you can keep the diversity of your community better involved and informed

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