Overview

This standard is about advising on management control systems and practices, and active and passive systems affording protection from fire to people, property and the environment. It includes the range of resources and equipment available relevant to the prevention, control, containment or elimination of outbreak of fire or related incidents. Individuals will work within their personal level of responsibility and authority for providing advice and information and dealing with compliance issues.

There are two elements

1. Evaluate premises to determine fire risks
2. Recommend options to support appropriate risk reduction measures, fire precautions and maintenance routines

Target Group

The standard is recommended for Practitioners, i.e. anyone who is employed or contracted to work with others in an organisation – staff, 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

You must be able to:

P1 confirm the type, range and level of fire risk within each location, having regard to its construction, layout and use
P2 confirm planned changes in construction, layout and use of premises which may affect the suitability of the existing fire protection systems, or the choice of new systems
P3 identify the relevant national and/or international standards
P4 determine the validity of the current risk assessment and identify risks which are not adequately controlled
P5 investigate the adequacy and effectiveness of current fire protection systems
P6 where deficiencies are identified, obtain sufficient additional information to assist with recommendations
P7 where relevant, obtain specialist advice to support assessment where factors influencing risk are outside of own personal level of expertise

FS7.2 Recommend options to support appropriate risk reduction measures, fire precautions and maintenance routines

You must be able to:

P8 identify options for fire protection to control identified risks
P9 for each option, consider the contribution to, and impact on, the overall fire safety strategy
P10 prioritise options to meet legislative, regulatory and statutory requirements
P11 risk assess information that may influence the ultimate selection of fire protection systems
P12 produce recommendations in agreed format and at sufficient level of detail to assist with decision making
P13 support recommendations with accurate, complete and current information including the promotion of benefits and implications of proposed solutions
P14 confirm that the appropriate person(s) understanding of recommendations and the implications associated with decisions on the selection, installation and maintenance of fire protection systems
P15 advise on action required to meet legal and statutory requirements and the implications of non-compliance
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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 the relevant legislative framework, consultation procedures and other mechanisms for achieving fire protection within existing, proposed and altered premises
K2 own personal level of competence, expertise, authority and limitations
K3 sources of specialist advice and how to access these
K4 the steps you would take to work in partnership with the appropriate people in order to achieve a satisfactory level of fire safety
K5 the role of systems in protecting people, property and the environment from fire
K6 national and international standards, codes of practice, guidance and legislation that address protection of people, property and the environment from fire
K7 the limitations of codes of practice and guidance when providing complex fire safety measures and proposals, and the use of fire risk assessment to justify departures from such codes
K8 the common causes of fire and the significance of the common causes in a range of occupancies
K9 how to assess the potential extent for fire incidents and the impact upon the premises
K10 how to access sources of specialist support, advice and information
K11 the factors affecting the formulation of risk-appropriate solutions within organisational constraints, for the protection of people, property and the environment
K12 the role and interests of stakeholders in the protection of people, property and the environment from fire
K13 the range of options available and their capabilities and limitations in protecting people, property and the environment from fire
K14 how to prioritise options for fire protection to address assessed levels of risk having regard to other influencing factors
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