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Article 8 - Duty to take general fire precautions

The responsible person must take such general fire precautions as will ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of any employees and any relevant persons who are not his employees.

Article 9 - Risk assessment

The responsible person must make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to relevant persons for the purpose of identifying the general fire precautions.

The following must be covered or observed: -

- Dangerous substance on, or liable to be on the premises.
- The assessment must be reviewed regularly to keep it up to date and if it is known or suspected it is no longer valid or there have been changes to the premises or any activity carried out.
- Young persons must not be employed unless there has been a specific risk assessment involving their employment.
- The significant findings of the risk assessment including measures taken or to be taken must be recorded as soon as possible where five or more persons are employed or a licence under an enactment or an alterations notice is in force.
- No new work activity should start unless the risk assessment has been reviewed to include it.

IFEDA Recommendation to Members

Article 18 – Safety assistance states that the responsible person must ensure any person he appoints to assist him is competent. He will be regarded as competent where he has sufficient training and experience or knowledge and other qualities to properly assist.

We recommend that an IFEDA member should ensure he can demonstrate his competence as described above if he undertakes a risk assessment, irrespective of whether it is subject to a fee or not.

There is a clear distinction between offering advice in respect of provision, suitability and location of fire extinguishers, fire alarms and fire safety signage and a risk assessment.

The member should also check that their liability insurance arrangements cover advice and the circumstances under which it is given.

Specialist professional indemnity insurance is always necessary in respect of risk assessments.

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