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The following standard will be of interest to all our members who are involved with emergency lighting. It can be ordered from the National Office at a discounted rate of £63 per copy plus p+p.

New guidance for designing and providing emergency lighting

How safe are you when the lights go out?

[BS 5266-10:2008 Guide to the design and provision of emergency lighting to reduce the risks from hazards in the event of failure of the normal lighting supply](#)

BS 5266-10 provides **specific** guidance on creating effective emergency lighting.

BS 5266-10 helps you identify:

- the hazards that can arise in a building as a result of the type or number of occupants, the design of the premises and activities carried out within it
- the actions occupants have a responsibility to perform in the event of a normal lighting supply failure.

BS 5266-10 also provides advice for inspecting engineers on the suitability of the emergency lighting design and installation for new and existing systems.

How can BS 5266-10 help you?

- **Refine your designs** - BS 5266-10 recommends factors to be considered in the design and provision of emergency lighting systems
- **Manage risk** - correctly installed emergency lighting helps reduce risk when normal lighting fails
- **Standardize your processes** - BS 5266-10 offers advice on appropriate emergency lighting levels, initiation times and working planes.

BS 5266-10 contains guidance on

- : The need for emergency lighting
- : Emergency lighting to be considered for specific locations
- : Portable emergency luminaires
- : Testing, maintenance and record keeping
- : Procedures to limit the risks of annual full duration testing.

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