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Fire Protection

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

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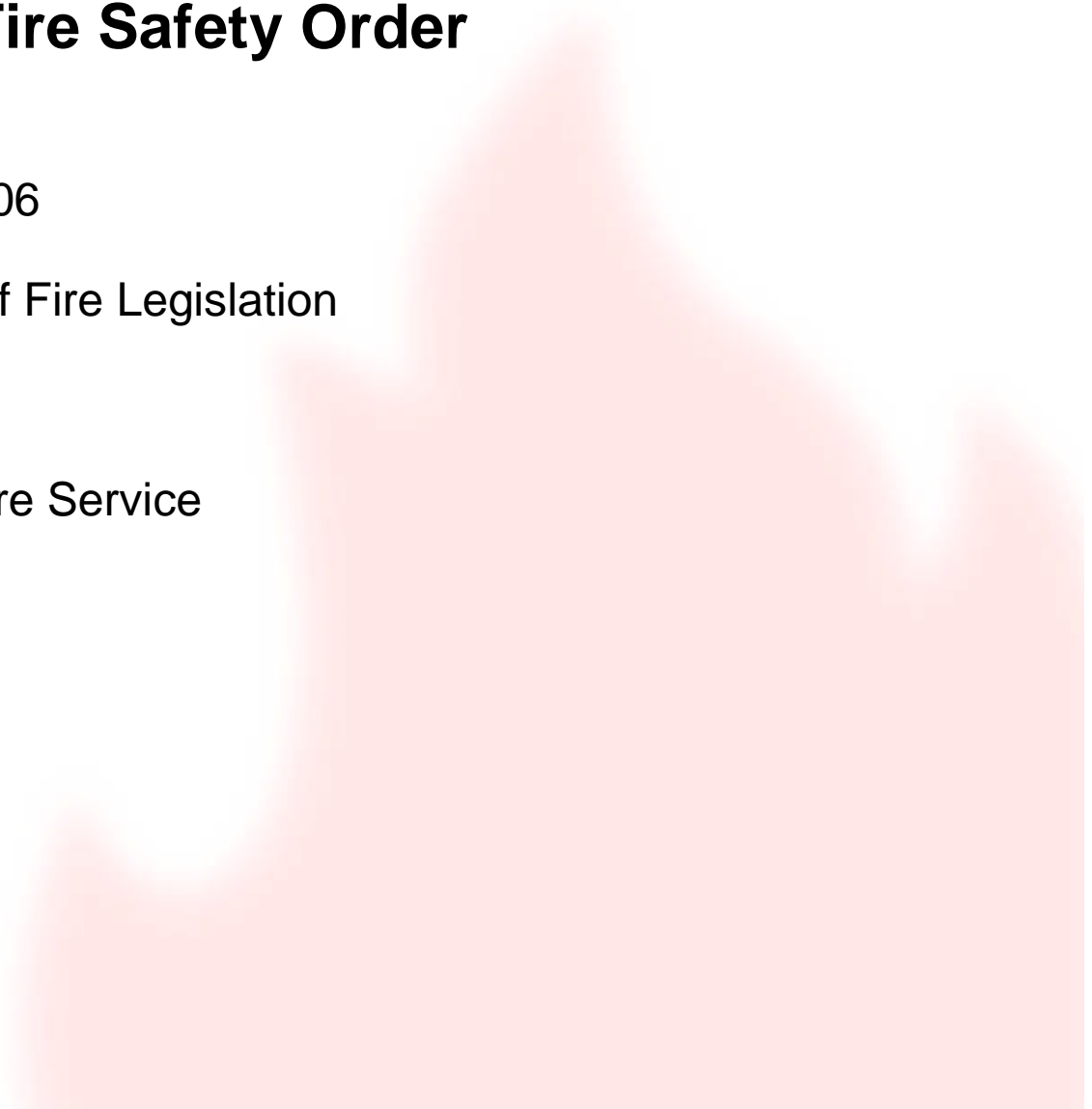
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The Fire Safety Order

- In force 1st October 2006
- Replaces 103 pieces of Fire Legislation
- England and Wales
- Enforcement via the Fire Service





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Responsible Person

- **Person with control**
 - **Chair of Governors?**
 - **Head teacher?**
 - **Local Education Authority?**





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Responsible Person MUST:

- **General Fire Precautions (Article 8)**

- **Safety of employees and other relevant persons**
 - Reduce risk of fire
 - Means of escape
 - Fire fighting
 - Detection and warning
 - Action to be taken



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Risk Assessment: (Article 9)

- Suitable and Sufficient
- Focusing on the safety of relevant persons
- Review and update if no longer valid
- Record significant findings of assessment
- Inform employees
- Provide special measures for children
- Measures for those with a disability



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Elimination / Reduction of Dangerous Substances (Article 12)

- **Reduce quantity of dangerous substances to minimum / avoid or minimise release**
 - **Science labs?**

- **Mitigate the effects of a fire**
 - **Compartmentation?**



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Procedures for Serious / Imminent Danger (Article 15)

- **Safety drills**
- **Sufficient competent persons to assist**

Additional Emergency Measures (Article 16)

- **Provide information on emergency arrangements for staff**
- **Suitable warning**



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Maintenance (Article 17)

- **System of maintenance, efficient working order and good repair**
- **Occupier / owner cooperate with responsible person**



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Safety Assistance (Article 18)

- **Appoint competent person(s) to carry out preventive and protective measures**
- **Provide cooperation**
 - **Time to do the job**
 - **Means in relation to size, risk**
- **Provide employees with clear and relevant information**



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Training (Article 21)

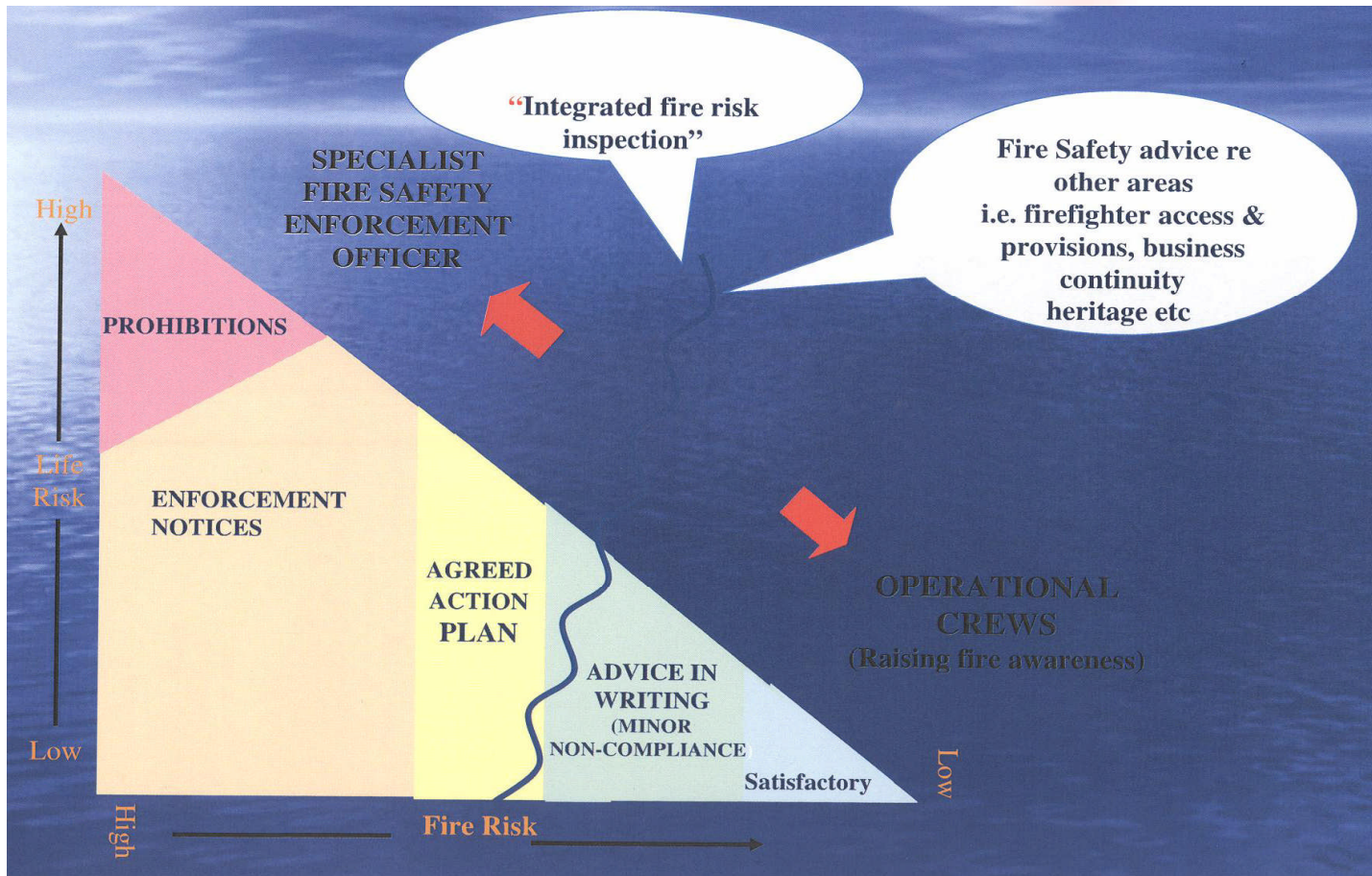
- **Employees are provided with adequate training:**
 - **Upon employment**
 - **Exposure to new / increased risk**
 - **New work equip**
 - **New systems of work**
 - **Suitable and sufficient**
 - **Repeated periodically**
 - **Reviewed**
 - **Provided in appropriate manner**



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Concordat Principles





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A Guide to the Guides

- Written for the responsible person
- Provide practical advice
- Consolidate all existing guides
- Also for Enforcers





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How the Guides Should be Used

- **Part 1 – A simple, straightforward guide to complying with the law and carrying out a fire risk assessment (5 step approach)**
- **Part 2 – Further detailed information on premises specific advice, risk reduction and general fire precautions**

A short guide to making your premises safe from fire

Fire safety risk assessment

- 1 Identify fire hazards**
Identify:
 - sources of ignition;
 - sources of fuel; and
 - sources of oxygen.
- 2 Identify people at risk**
Identify:
 - people in and around the premises; and
 - people who are especially at risk.
- 3 Evaluate, remove or reduce, and protect from risk**
 - Evaluate the risk of a fire starting.
 - Evaluate the risk to people from a fire.
 - Remove or reduce fire hazards.
 - Remove or reduce the risks to people from a fire.
 - Protect people by providing fire precautions.
- 4 Record, plan, inform, instruct, and train**
 - Record any major findings and action you have taken.
 - Discuss and work with other responsible people.
 - Prepare an emergency plan.
 - Inform and instruct relevant people.
 - Provide training.
- 5 Review**
 - Review your fire-risk assessment regularly.
 - Make changes where necessary.

Remember to review your fire-risk assessment regularly.



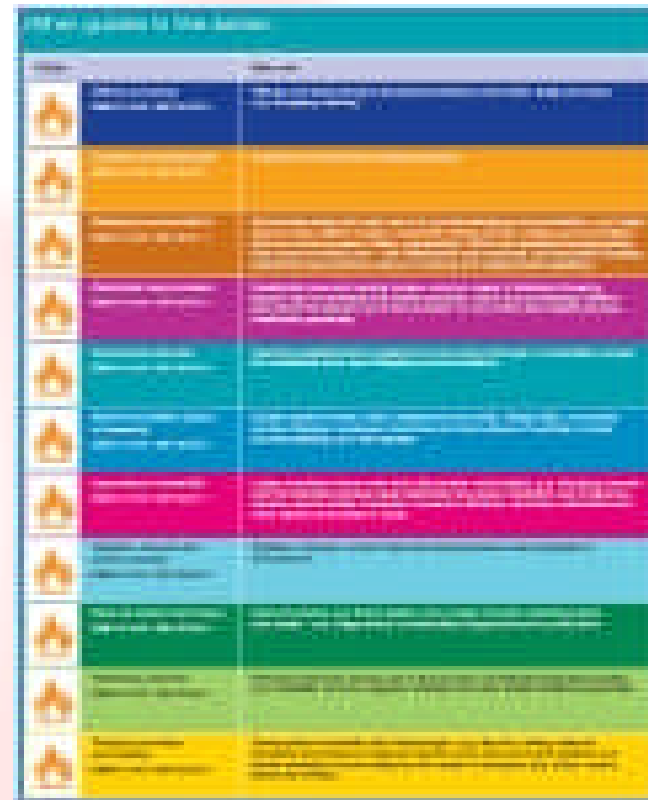
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Fire Safety Guidance

- www.communities.gov.uk
- Risk Assessment Guides
- www.notts-fire.gov.uk
- BB100





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Arson in Schools

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- **2000 fires in schools every year**
- **65-70% are deliberate**
- **Insurers pay out more than £100m each year for school fires**
- **Results in loss of scarce assets and significant disruption to communities, e.g. it is not unusual for children to spend two years being bussed around a country while schools are rebuilt**



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Arson and Sprinklers in Schools

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- **More than 300 schools in England and Wales now have sprinklers**
- **50 LEAs have a policy of installing them**
- **Approved Document B (2006) / BB100**
 - **Recommends installation of sprinklers for new build and major extensions**
 - **Governed via the assessment of the risk from fire by arson**



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