

Appendix C

Appropriate guidance

The fire risk assessor should have knowledge of the suites of guidance produced by the applicable government departments together with other guidance produced by industry, standards making bodies, etc. that apply to the premises on which the fire risk assessment is being undertaken.

Much of this guidance cross references other guidance and it is the duty of the competent fire risk assessor to be able to navigate through these sets of guidance and to maintain their currency as guidance is refreshed and new guidance is produced. This will form part of their formal continual professional development which will need to be evidenced to allow for 3rd party certification.

Accordingly the fire risk assessor should be able to;

- Determine the appropriate guidance applicable to the premises to which the fire risk assessment is being carried out, whilst fully appreciating that guidance should not be applied prescriptively.
- Apply such guidance in a proportional manner, keeping in mind the use to which the premises are being put.
- Understand the limitations and/or dangers of applying small parts of different guidance documents (“cherry picking”) as a solution.
- Evidence how they are maintaining their currency in respect of applicable guidance and standards.