

Appendix G

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention should be regarded as a vital part of fire safety and is an important part of any assessment. The law requires that one takes appropriate steps to reduce the likelihood of fire and of the spread of fire on the premises and to mitigate the effects of any fire that occurs.

Accordingly, the fire risk assessor should be able to;

- Understand and apply the appropriate principles of prevention.
- Identify and have an understanding of the different types of hazard.
- Evaluate the risk, and consider the appropriate method of managing the risk.

To enable the fire risk assessor to carry out the above, the fire risk assessor should;

- Understand the term 'as low as reasonably practicable' (ALARP).
- Understand how ALARP should be applied proportionately to the risk in the premises.
- Understand that removal of the hazard should be the first step in fire prevention.
- Understand if the hazard cannot be removed the next step is to reduce the risk.
- Understand that if the risk cannot be reduced to an acceptable level then appropriate protective measures will need to be implemented.
- Understand the need to maintain the measures undertaken above, especially when changes are made to the use, structure or layout of the premises.