

HCPA Event

Fire Safety Workshop for Residential/Supported Living Services



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Fire Safety in Residential Care Premises Workshop 2

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Hertfordshire care home fire: Newgrange fined after Cheshunt blaze deaths

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A company which runs a care home where a fire killed two pensioners has been fined for fire safety offences.



Legislation

What piece of legislation is used in the UK to ensure fire safety in residential care premises?

- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

What does 'The Order' require from you?

As the responsible person you must:

- carry out a fire risk assessment of the premises and review it regularly
- tell staff or their representatives about the risks you've identified
- put in place, and maintain, appropriate fire safety measures
- plan for an emergency
- provide staff information, fire safety instruction and training

The Fire Safety Order is a Fire Risk Assessment based approach



Fire Risk Assessment

“If you are the *‘Responsible Person’*, you must ensure that a fire risk assessment has been carried out that must focus on the safety of all *‘Relevant Persons’* in the case of fire.

It should pay particular attention to those at special risk, such as the disabled and those with special needs”



Electrical Safety

Mains Electrical Installation

Electrical installations should be tested often enough that there is little chance of deterioration leading to danger. The best way to find out if your electrical installation is safe is to have it inspected and tested by a person who has the competence to do so.

PAT testing

The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 require that any electrical equipment that has the potential to cause injury is maintained in a safe condition. However, the Regulations do not specify what needs to be done, by whom or how frequently (i.e. they don't make inspection or testing of electrical appliances a legal requirement, nor do they make it a legal requirement to undertake this annually).



Managing Contractors

Hot Works

Hot work can create significant hazards that put workers, those around them, and the premises itself in danger. In particular, it can pose a major fire risk. A stray spark from certain hot work, such as welding or soldering, can easily ignite combustible materials and cause serious harm to the building and people involved.

Compartmentation

Breaches in compartmentation, shared roof voids and air bricks may allow the spread of fire or smoke. The effectiveness of fire compartmentation relies on the quality of installation and a good state of repair



Automatic Fire Suppression

Automatic fire suppression systems control and extinguish fires without human intervention. Examples of automatic systems include fire sprinkler system, water misting systems, gaseous fire suppression, and condensed aerosol fire suppression

Automatic fire suppression systems can reduce your risk of loss of life by 82 percent and loss of property by 71 percent in any type of commercial fire.



Coffee Break



PEEP's

There are two essential aspects to consider when planning the safe evacuation of residents in the event of a fire; these are:

- 1) PEEPs (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans)
- 2) The overall Fire Evacuation Strategy for the Home

A bespoke 'escape plan' for individuals who may not be able to reach an ultimate place of safety unaided or within a satisfactory period of time in the event of any emergency

Managers must draw up **PEEPs** for anyone they are responsible for who will require assistance to evacuate

A PEEP should cover:

Awareness of Procedure
Designated Assistance
Methods of Assistance
Equipment Provided
Evacuation Procedure
Safe Route(s)



Evacuation

Evacuation plans must be fully risk assessed, understood & practiced

- Simultaneous or Single Stage
 - Phased or Progressive
 - Delayed or 'Stay Put'



Simultaneous or Single Stage Evacuation

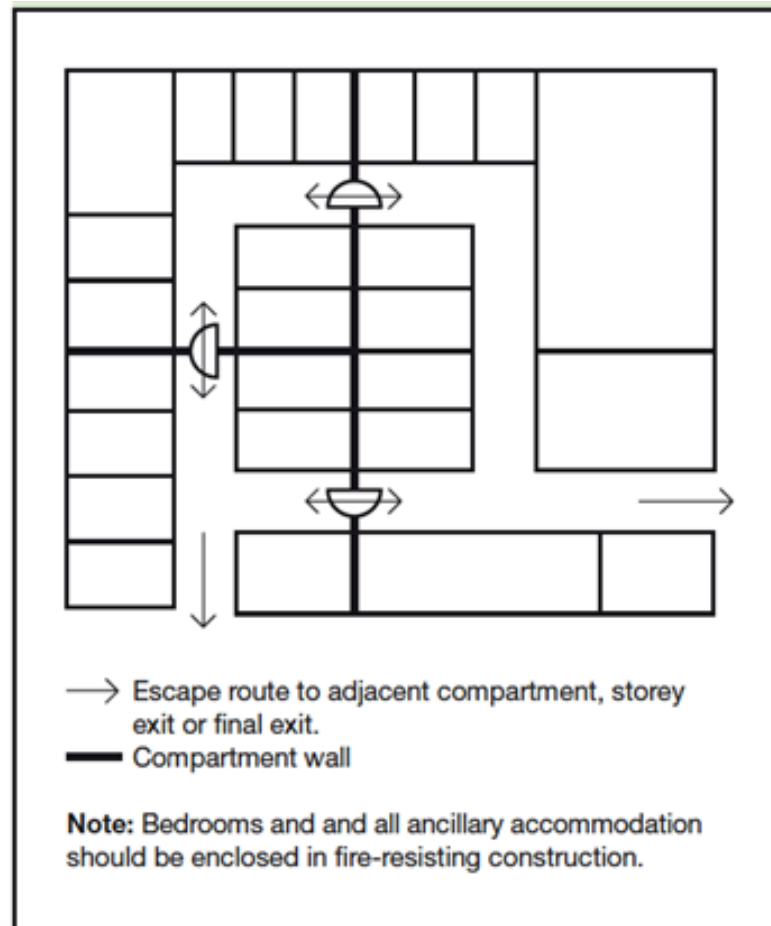
“Everyone reacts to the warning signal given when a fire is discovered, then make their way, by the means of escape, to a place of safety away from the premises”.

May be required due to flooding, gas leaks etc.

Should be able to conduct this without the assistance of the fire service – is this realistic?



Phased or Progressive Horizontal Evacuation



Delayed Evacuation

“Stay Put” is only safe where:

- Compartmentation is adequate
 - Fire is detected early
- Fire Service are called and attend as early as possible
 - Evacuation is carried out in relation to risk
- Where persons are left in place they should be accompanied – is this possible?



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