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- Preventing
- Protecting
- Responding





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# LEGISLATION

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- FIRE SERVICES ORDER (NI) 2006
- FIRE SERVICES REGULATIONS (NI) 2010



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# Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

The relevant articles concerning fire safety are

- Articles 25 – 28
- Provide for the duties of employers, persons responsible for Relevant Premises and employees
- The Articles identify who is the “Appropriate Person”\*



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# Relevant Premises

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- Offices and shops
- Pubs, clubs and restaurants
- Open air events and venues
- Hotels and hostels
- Guests houses and bed & breakfast accommodation
- Tents and marquees
- Theatres and cinemas
- Premises that provide care, including care homes and hospitals
- Places of worship
- Sports centres and other community premises
- Shared areas of properties common to several households
- Factories and warehouses
- Transport premises and facilities
- Animal premises and stables + others



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# Appropriate Person

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- In a workplace, this is the employer and any other person who may have control of any part of the premises, eg, the manager or owner.
- In all other premises the person or people in control of the premises will be responsible. If there is more than one appropriate person in any type of premises (eg, a multi-occupied complex), then they must all take reasonable steps to co-operate and co-ordinate with each other.



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## Article 25

# Duties to Employees

- Ensure the safety of employees from fire
- Carry out a fire risk assessment
- Take necessary fire safety measures in the workplace
- Review the assessment





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## Article 26

### **Duties in relation to Relevant premises**

- The person who has control to any extent of relevant premises shall carry out an assessment of the premises to identify risks from fire to relevant persons; and
- Take such fire safety measures as is reasonable to ensure the safety of relevant persons from fire.





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# Fire Risk Assessment

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- A Fire Risk Assessment can be defined as an organised and methodical look at premises, the activities carried out there and the likelihood that a fire could start and cause harm to those in and around the premises.
- Whilst there are no fixed rules about how a fire risk assessment should be carried out, it is nonetheless important to adopt a structured approach that ensures all significant risks are addressed.



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# Do I need a Fire Risk Assessment?

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- If you are an employer you shall carry out an assessment of your workplace
- If you own a premises in which you carry out a business, whether for profit or not, you shall carry out an assessment
- If you occupy a premises by reason of a contract or tenancy you shall carry out an assessment



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# Fire Risk Assessment

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- <https://www.nifrs.org/firesafe/5steps.php>
- <https://www.nifrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Fire-Safety-Law-Are-You-Aware-of-Your-Responsibilities.pdf>



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# Duties of Employees

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- Take reasonable care to ensure the workplace is safe from harm caused by fire and do nothing that will place yourself or others at risk
- Inform your employer (or a fellow employee with specific fire safety responsibilities), of anything relating to the premises which could represent a serious and immediate fire safety danger; of anything which you reasonably consider represents a shortcoming in the employer's fire safety protection arrangements; or in the event of fire
- Co-operate with your employer, so far as is necessary, to allow them to comply with their fire safety responsibilities.



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## Duties of Employees

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As someone who is not an employer but has control of the premises or safety obligations to some extent, such as owner, tenant, contractor:

- You are entitled to co-operation from others with fire safety responsibilities for the premises
- You must carry out (and review regularly as necessary) a fire safety risk assessment of the premises, to the extent of your control, or obligations towards them, identifying any risks to persons in, or in the immediate vicinity of, the premises in respect of harm
- You must take reasonable fire safety measures on the basis of the results of your fire safety risk assessment to ensure, to the extent of the control or obligations you have the safety of persons from harm caused by fire in the premises.



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# Functions devolved to District Councils for Licensed Premises

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- Article 25 – Duties of employers to employee
- Article 26 – Duties in relation to Relevant Premises
- Article 27 – Taking Measures for above
- Article 28 – Duties of employees
- Article 37 – Enforcement Notices





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## Additional Fire Service powers

- Inspect all of the parts of the premises that are considered to be relevant
- Article 36 – Prohibition Notice
- Article 38 – Alterations Notice