
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 1541

**REGULATORY REFORM,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Made - - - - 7th June 2005

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005

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5. Duties under this Order
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- 21. Training
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SCHEDULE 1 —

PART 1 — MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN RISK ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

The matters are— (a) the hazardous properties of the substance;...

PART 2 — MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO PARTICULAR ACCOUNT IN RISK ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF YOUNG PERSONS

The matters are— (a) the inexperience, lack of awareness of...

PART 3 — PRINCIPLES OF PREVENTION

The principles are— (a) avoiding risks; (b) evaluating the risks...

PART 4 — MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

1. In applying measures to control risks the responsible person must,...
2. The responsible person must ensure that mitigation measures applied in...
3. The responsible person must— (a) ensure that the premises are...

SCHEDULE 2 — AMENDMENTS OF PRIMARY LEGISLATION.

1. Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act 1922
2. London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939
3. Pet Animals Act 1951
4. East Ham Corporation Act 1957
5. Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960
6. Public Health Act 1961
7. Gaming Act 1968
8. Fire Precautions Act 1971
9. Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
10. Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975
11. Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1975
12. County of South Glamorgan Act 1976
13. Rent Act 1977
14. County of Merseyside Act 1980
15. West Midlands County Council Act 1980
16. Cheshire County Council Act 1980
17. West Yorkshire Act 1980
18. Isle of Wight Act 1980
19. South Yorkshire Act 1980
20. Tyne and Wear Act 1980
21. Zoo Licensing Act 1981
22. Greater Manchester Act 1981
23. County of Kent Act 1981
24. Derbyshire Act 1981
25. East Sussex Act 1981
26. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
27. Humberside Act 1982
28. County of Avon Act 1982
29. Cumbria Act 1982
30. Hampshire Act 1983
31. Staffordshire Act 1983
32. Food Act 1984
33. Building Act 1984
34. County of Lancashire Act 1984
35. Cornwall County Council Act 1984

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36. Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985
37. Leicestershire Act 1985
38. Clwyd County Council Act 1985
39. Worcester City Council Act 1985
40. Poole Borough Council Act 1986
41. Berkshire Act 1986
42. Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987
43. Plymouth City Council Act 1987
44. West Glamorgan Act 1987
45. Dyfed Act 1987
46. Environment and Safety Information Act 1988
47. Smoke Detectors Act 1991
48. London Local Authorities Act 1995
49. Capital Allowances Act 2001
50. Licensing Act 2003

SCHEDULE 3 — AMENDMENTS OF SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

1. The Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987
2. The Marriages (Approved Premises) Regulations 1995
3. The Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996
4. The Housing (Fire Safety in Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 1997
5. The Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1998
6. The Building Regulations 2000
7. The Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2000
8. The Care Homes Regulations 2001
9. The Children's Homes Regulations 2001
10. The Private and Voluntary Care (England) Regulations 2001
11. The Care Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002
12. The Private and Voluntary Care (Wales) Regulations 2002
13. The Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002
14. The Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2002
15. The Residential Family Centres Regulations 2002
16. The Residential Family Centres (Wales) Regulations 2003

SCHEDULE 4 — REPEALS

SCHEDULE 5 — REVOCATIONS

Explanatory Note

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 9A inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 156\(4\)](#)