

# Fire Protection in Buildings

Compliance, competence and responsibilities

FREE WEBINAR: Tuesday 5 July 2022

A FREE half day webinar designed to inform you about your legal responsibility under the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order (RRFSO), competency, compliance and passive fire protection.

## Designed for individuals working in:

- Building surveying
- Care homes
- Construction
- Educational establishments
- Facilities and estate management
- Fire and rescue services
- Healthcare
- Housing associations
- Local authorities
- Passive fire protection
- Risk assessment

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Through a series of short presentations, BM TRADA and a panel of industry experts will provide essential guidance for those responsible for the fire prevention measures in their buildings, on their legal responsibilities and how to ensure the competency of those companies and individuals they will need to appoint to help meet them.



## PROGRAMME

10am

Welcome, introduction and housekeeping

10.05 – 10.30

**Introducing the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order – the legislation which underpins today's event**

**Peter Barker, Warringtonfire**

- Why does it matter?
- Who does it affect?
- Key points to consider

10.30 – 10.55

**What is competency, how to judge it, why is it important and when does it matter?**

**Steve Skarratt, Fire Service College**

- What is competency?
- Why is it important?
- Who needs to be competent?
- How do you achieve competency?
- Hackitt Steering Committee, Working Group 4 (fire risk assessor competency) – update

10.55 – 11.20

**The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and Passive Fire Protection: Getting it Right**

**Niall Rowan, Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP)**

- Introduction to Passive Fire Protection
- Passive Fire Protection and the requirements of the RRFSo
- What knowledge does a Fire Risk Assessor need to have?
- Introduction to ASFP Guide to Passive Fire Protection for Fire Risk Assessors
- Hackitt Steering Committee, Working Group 2 (contractor competency) - update

11.20 – 11.45

**Third Party Certification: Demonstrating Compliance and Adding Assurance**  
**Peter Barker, Warringtonfire**

- What is fire testing?
- The role of assessments: the link between testing, product scope and third party certification
- Third party certification: demonstrating compliance and adding assurance
- Third party certification: manufacture, installation and maintenance
- MHCLG, Building Regulations and Standards - update

11.45 – 12.00

**Q&A for morning sessions**

12.00 – 12.45

**Lunch break**

Please post any further questions in the webinar chat box

12.45 – 13.10

**The view of the fire and rescue service: Day in the life of an enforcing officer**  
**Sheetal Panchmatia, National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)**

- The role of the enforcing officer
- The inspection and what the enforcing officer looks for
- Consequences of non-compliance
- Enforcement actions

13.10 – 13.35

**Legal responsibilities of the responsible person identified in the RRFSo**  
**Carl May-Smith, Browne Jacobsen**

- The legal obligations placed on the responsible person
- Complying with the RRFSo
- The risk assessment
- Case study: The first prosecution of a fire risk assessor
- Case study: Prosecution of a responsible person

13.35 – 14.15

**Event summary and the panel will answer further questions from the audience**

14.15

**Event close**

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## YOUR PRESENTERS

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**Peter Barker**  
Technical Manager,  
Warringtonfire

Peter is a Technical Manager at Warringtonfire and has worked for 16 years in the field of passive fire protection, specialising in leading and supporting engineers producing engineering assessments of fire resisting construction products and providing technical support to Notified Bodies offering testing and certification services.



**Niall Rowan**  
Technical and  
Regulatory Affairs  
Officer, ASFP

Niall is the Technical and Regulatory Affairs Officer at the ASFP and has extensive experience in all aspects of passive fire protection, fire regulation and fire standards, both in the UK and within Europe. He has worked in the fire safety testing, certification and fire consultancy arenas for more than 30 years.



**Steve Skarratt**  
Head of Protection  
and Prevention,  
Fire Service College

Steve is Head of Protection and Prevention at the Fire Service College and is responsible for all aspects of the quality of training delivery. He has worked in education management for over 17 years, working closely with Fire & Rescue Services, as well as private sector organisations, to identify role based competencies.



**Sheetal Panchmatia**  
Building Safety  
Programme Team,  
NFCC

Sheetal Panchmatia started her career in 2004 at West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) as their Partnerships Officer and being seconded to the Government Office for West Midlands (GOWM) as the Regional Fire Service Lead. During her time at GOWM, Sheetal was part of the NFCC(CFOA) team that led on the national Prevention/Protection workstream, following the tragic events of Lakanal House, in 2009.

Since 2013, Sheetal has been working as a Fire Safety Officer, at WMFS, specialising in Licensing and Events. Sheetal is currently seconded to the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Building Safety Programme Team.



**Carl May-Smith**  
Barrister and Partner,  
Browne Jacobsen

Carl May-Smith, a Barrister and Partner at national law firm Browne Jacobson, advises Fire Authorities and other public bodies on regulation and enforcement matters getting involved in prosecutions under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

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Steve Goodburn - Sales Director, CGI International

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Dave Riley - Standards and Accreditations Manager, Duraflex

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