



NFCC

National Fire
Chiefs Council

An Inspector Calls

Avoiding Prosecution

An Inspector Calls

- Responsible Person or Person in Control
- Competent Person
- Relevant Person



An Inspector Calls

DO NOT

Put anyone at risk of
death or serious
injury

DO

- Provide general fire precautions
- Provide fire safety arrangement
- Provide records
- Have competent people



An Inspector Calls

- Reduce risk of fire and fire spread
- Provide means of escape
- Protect those means of escape
- Be able to fight fires (small ones)
- Detect fire and give warning in case of fire
- Train staff
- Mitigate effects of fire



An Inspector Calls

- NFCC (CFOA) Audit Process
- Management
- Physical
- Outcome



An Inspector Calls

- Fire Risk Assessment
- Emergency Plan
- Records
- Verification



An Inspector Calls

- Powers of Entry
- Production of Authorisation
- Require Assistance
- Take Samples



Case Study 1

- Residential flats built in 2006
- Timber-framed construction
- Fire started from cigarette in bark chippings on flower bed outside the building
- Fire spread into wall cavity via ventilation opening 'air brick'
- Extensive further spread resulting in severe damage to roof and 14 flats.
- Most of building uninhabitable.













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Case Study 2

- New residential block – being occupied
- Conventional construction
- Fire started in basement car park
- Fire spread into riser
- Extensive further spread into common escape routes
- All floors damaged
- Building unusable















What if it goes wrong?

- Douglas & Gordon
- John O'Rourke
- Michael Arthur Billings
- Mr Parlak
- Munwar Ahmed



Higher Risk Accommodation – Case Study 1

- When: 2015
- Where: Wood House Care Home, South London
- What: Fire in a room
- Consequence:
 - One Fatality – elderly woman aged 78years old
 - RP – Gold Care Consultancy Ltd fined over £100,000 and closure of the home
- Inspection revealed:
 - The fire risk assessment did not adequately reflect the premise, its use, its occupants or its policies



Higher Risk Accommodation – Case Study 2

- When: 2017
- Where: Newgrange Care Home, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
- What: Electrical Fault – fire spread
- Consequence:
 - Two Fatalities – aged 88 and 91 years old respectively and 33 residents rescued – 5 of whom were over 100 years old!
 - RP – Newgrange of Cheshunt Ltd fined over £175,000 and ordered to pay £170 victim surcharge
- Inspection revealed:
 - The fire risk assessment did not adequately reflect the needs of the residents, although it did have some considerations for employees.





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How do you get it right?



How do you get it right?

- 700,000 premises
- 14000 audits
- 350 EN
- 50 PN
- 0.1 prosecutions



How do you get it right?

- Management buy in
- Competence
- PAS 7 & PAS 79?
- Partnership
- Risk portfolio





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Any questions?

