

The Regulatory Reform Order (Fire Safety) 2005

This is very important and will effect all of our nurseries so please read this document and look at the HSE website to find out further information.

The Regulatory Reform Order (Fire Safety) 2005 will replace (among others):

- The Fire Precautions Act 1971
- The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 and 1999
- The Fire Precautions (Special Premises) Regulations 1976
- Section 9 of the Safety Sports Ground Act 1975
- Those sections in the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

The duty will now shift from the Fire Authority, and will be placed on the “responsible person”. The suitable person will have to decide the precautions required to protect not only his employees, but now also other persons not employees who could be affected by a fire on the premise, for example learners and visitors. It is the responsible person’s responsibility to make a suitable and sufficient risk assessment of what persons could be exposed to, in order to implement suitable precautions.

In 2006 11 documents will be issued to help employers explaining how to carry out fire risk assessments.

In summary the responsible person should:

- Carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risk of fire
- Take appropriate steps to reduce the risk of ignition, limit fire spread, limit fire growth, and limit the impact a fire may have
- Take appropriate steps to ensure that all persons who could be on the premise and therefore affected by the fire can be adequately warned and evacuated without assistance

These regulations can be downloaded from www.odpm.gov.uk/si/si2005/20051541.