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What are the main rules under the order?

You must:

- carry out a fire-risk assessment identifying any possible dangers and risks
- consider who may be especially at risk
- get rid of or reduce the risk from fire as far as is reasonably possible and provide general fire precautions to deal with any possible risk left
- take other measures to make sure there is protection if flammable or explosive materials are used or stored
- create a plan to deal with any emergency and, in most cases, keep a record of your findings
- tell staff or their representatives about the risks you've identified, provide staff information, fire safety instruction and training
- review your findings when necessary

Due to the nature of the completed facility, it is strongly recommended that a competent fire risk assessor is appointed to assist with the fire risk assessment process.

The register of fire risk assessors and auditors maintained by the Institution of Fire Engineers may be a good starting point for locating one, visit <http://www.ife.org.uk/Fire-Risk-Assessors-Register> for further details.

Who is responsible for meeting the order?

In England and Wales, if you're an employer, owner, landlord or occupier of business or other non-domestic premises, you're responsible for fire safety and are known as the 'responsible person'.

Further Information

The following websites contain further detailed information and guides:

<https://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-your-premises-safe-from-fire>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/1541/contents/made>

www.communities.gov.uk/firesafety

[Fire Risk Assessors and Auditors \(ife.org.uk\)](http://www.ife.org.uk)



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