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Your Fire Risk Assessment Results

File your results in a safe place, so they are readily accessible such as this area of your KYBIB pack.

Remember: -

Do not forget to keep a duplicate copy of your results somewhere else, in case these are lost or destroyed, i.e. remote location or electronic archives.

Review

Check all the outstanding actions are reviewed and checked to see if they have been completed.

Use the Fire Risk Assessment Review section to assist you in this.

REMEMBER:-

The Fire Service may undertake an inspection of your Fire Risk Assessment at any time.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 states:

Risk Assessment

Article 9. – (1) The responsible person must make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to which relevant persons are exposed for the purpose of identifying the general fire precautions he needs to take to comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed upon him by or under this Order.

Failure to comply with this legal requirement could mean you have broken the law.

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Article 34. In any proceedings for an offence under this Order consisting of a failure to comply with a duty or requirement so far as is practicable or so far as is reasonably practicable, **it is for the accused to prove** that it was not practicable or reasonably practicable to do more than was in fact done to satisfy the duty or requirement.