

Fire Risk Assessments

All business premises and every block of flats must have a Fire Risk Assessment by law.

Not everyone understands this important fire safety measure.

We are often asked the question ‘**what is a Fire Risk Assessment?**’. The fact is, your Fire Risk Assessment should be the cornerstone of your fire safety plans for your specific building.

Unfortunately, assessments are often overlooked, which can lead to buildings being exposed unnecessarily to fire risk, sometimes with the potential for loss of life.

You can read more about Fire Risk Assessments below, or otherwise please get in touch with our expert team if you would like to discuss the specific requirements for your building.

Fire risk assessments are a **legal requirement** in the UK. If you are the responsible person for a building or property, you must carry out a fire risk assessment to identify and assess the fire hazards in your property and put in place measures to reduce the risk of fire.

Janus Safety Solutions are a leading provider of fire risk assessments in the UK. Our experienced and qualified Fire Risk Assessors will create a report written to PAS79, the Publicly Available Specification for Fire Risk Assessments. This means that our reports are both detailed and easy to follow.

What is a Fire Risk Assessment?

A fire risk assessment is a process of identifying and assessing the fire hazards in a building or property. It provides guidance on how to manage and reduce the risk of fire with the aim of helping to prevent fires from occurring which can help to save lives in the event of a fire.

For example, a fire risk assessment might identify an electrical fire hazard in a certain area. The assessor may then recommend the installation of a suitable firefighting appliance, such as a CO2 fire extinguisher, and training for staff members on how to use the extinguisher. In an instance where a fire was to break out in this area, the fire extinguisher when correctly operated by the trained staff members may provide a means to tackle the fire in its early stages, reducing the overall impact of the fire, preventing risk to occupants and reducing damage to the property.

Fire risk assessments can be compared to MOTs on cars. A specialist completes the MOT and advises the owner of any issues found that should be addressed to



improve the safety of the vehicle. A fire risk assessment can be described as a similar process. Our qualified assessors will assess your property and, in their report, will advise you of any action you should take to reduce the risk of fire.

Janus Safety Solutions have many years' experience in producing fire risk assessments and we are trusted experts in assisting our customers to improve fire safety. We partner with you to minimise risks, guide you towards compliance, and help to provide you with peace of mind. Hundreds of satisfied customers are proof – choose us and ensure the safety of your property.

Who is responsible for making sure a Fire Risk Assessment is carried out?

By law, every business and block of flats must have a designated '**Responsible Person**', accountable for fire safety.

It is the designated Responsible Person's job to make sure the relevant fire safety duties are carried out and that action is taken to prevent fires happening, and also to prevent injury or death if a fire does actually happen.

It is therefore the **Responsible Person** who should make sure your building has a valid Fire Risk Assessment.

If you are a small business owner, you are generally the Responsible Person for your premises, unless you have nominated someone in your team.