

# FIRE SAFETY

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SAFETY TRAINING

Approxiamately 40 people a year die from fire related accidents at work.



## Fire Awareness at Work

On 26th April 2007, thirty five fire engines and around 150 fire fighters attended the 'New Look' retail store in the center of London. The cause of the fire remains unknown but a subsequent investigation found that a fire risk assessment was prepared on 16 January 2007 by an employee who was not responsible for fire safety. The failure of the risk assessment led to confusion on the evening of the fire.

At a court hearing in November 2009, 'New Look' pleaded guilty to a failure contrary to art. 32(1)(a) and art.9 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, to carry out a suitable and sufficient risk assessment, and an offense under the art. 32(1)(a) and art. 21(1) of the same Order to ensure that its employees were provided with adequate safety training. The judge imposed a fine of £250,000 in respect of the first count and a fine of £150,000 in respect of the second. However 'New Look' appealed the penalty. In June 2010 the appeal court shared the judges original scepticism that "the appointment of a single fire safety advisor for a group of over 600 shops was a sufficient response to the magnitude of the obligation" and that the 'New Look' performance of its fire safety duties, in a large department store in the middle of London, was lamentable. It concluded "the fines were severe, but they were not in our judgment, manifestly excessive and the appeal is dismissed"!

Utilising 30 years experience in the third busiest Fire and Rescue Service Station in Europe 'Manchester Safety Training' offer workshops that are communicated with the assistance of power point presentations, video clips and photographs to highlight the main causes of fire in the workplace and ensures your employees can identify those risks and hazards to help eliminate or reduce that risk as far as is reasonably practical.

The workshop highlights the dangers around the workplace and aims to educate, and reduce the chances of a fire developing at work by showing the main causes of fire and what we can do to prevent that happening. It will show the difference between staged fires for a TV. program or film for example, and the real thing, highlighting how a fire can travel and how fast. Also ensuring the audience is aware of the inherent dangers of smoke and its properties.

The workshop also discusses smoke/fire alarms and what to do in the event of a fire, how to escape if unfortunate enough to be involved and how to exit a building safely using fire escape plans and procedures. All staff will be informed of the correct procedures when investigating alarm activations, the dangers of fire fighting and the possible consequences when not adhering to the procedures.

On completion of the workshop with 'Manchester Safety Training' your staff will be aware of the reality and danger of fire and how unpredictable it is, how it spreads using radiation, convection, conduction. The dangers concerning Back drafts and Flash-overs and the speed with which the flames and smoke travel, also be aware of the types of extinguisher available and which class of fire they may be used on. The individual will be capable of undertaking a basic risk assessment of their workplace/home or public building, ensuring their safety, their work colleagues, and family/friends.

With all I.T. equipment supplied by Manchester Safety Training, we can provide a training program designed to accommodate both large and small groups. All delegates will receive an Attendance Certificate on completion of the course.

## About Our Services

Every year in the UK people suffer horrific injuries and fatalities that could have been prevented or avoided with some basic knowledge and training. The sole aim at 'Manchester Safety Training' is to provide a safer environment in the home, at work and on our roads.

Manchester Safety Training offers consultancy through Steve Brooks, who has over 30 years experience as an operational Fire Fighter in Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, including 4 years as a Community Fire Safety Officer educating people throughout the social demographic. Throughout his career Steve has also been a practicing first aid/trauma trainer, delivering basic life skills including first aid and life support workshops.



With a vast experience, training and a dedication to the cause, Steve provides various workshops to a recognized industry standard. All courses by 'Manchester Safety Training' can be delivered on client's premises, and can be tailored to be company/industry specific. The presentations can also be bespoke to target audiences including Business Groups, Parents/Guardians, Careers, Local Community Schemes (Home Watch etc) and High School Students. Each workshop is communicated through presentations, discussion topics and role plays and can vary between 50 minutes and 6 hours, depending on your requirements.

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USING BASIC LIFE SKILLS