



# Solutions on Fire

*"Satisfying your needs and questions regarding fire safety."*

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## Welcome to Solutions Fire Safety's Monthly Newsletter

Good Morning to you all! Please enjoy our January newsletter regarding recent fire safety news, articles, promotions and events. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us and a member of our team will be happy to help! Bye for now!

**This month Solutions Fire Safety offered our readers a Free Fire Safety Sign Pack including a Fire Risk Assessment Guide. The response was huge!**

## Bare with us...while we redesign our website!

Our website is currently undergoing some major improvements. As an organisation which thrives on helping our customers with their fire safety needs, our aim is to provide a website which is a great place to find answers to everyday questions that arise.

There will be downloadable guides, useful links and informative material for you to use. There will be printable fact sheets regarding current fire safety legislations and British Standards & a section created for our new and existing training customers, so you can ensure that your training continues throughout the year.

The website is still available for you to visit but please note that we are improving sections right now so do not be puzzled when pages differ from others.

[www.solutionsfire.co.uk](http://www.solutionsfire.co.uk)  
Watch this space!!



## Latest News...

**Warning to businesses after businessman is sentenced**  
26 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 2 years, 180 hours of unpaid work and £4000 to pay!

**A brush fire destroyed 29 homes & 32,000 acres! VIDEO**

**Takeaway restaurant ordered to pay more than £24,000 after fire safety offences**  
No working fire alarm, no fire risk assessment, no fire exit, no escape lighting...no hope!

**Another restaurant fined £13,000 for pleading guilty to nine offences**  
"This complete disregard for the law...meant we had to seek action through the courts"

## Also this month!

A new British Standard has been released; **BS 9991:2011 Fire safety in the design, management and use of residential buildings.**

This British Standard will give recommendations and guidance on design, management and use for the following building types, to achieve reasonable standards of fire safety for all people in an around; Dwellings (single-family dwelling houses, self contained flats or maisonettes), Residential accommodation blocks (e.g. for students or hospital staff) sheltered housing and extra care housing. It also provides guidance on the ongoing management of fire safety in a building throughout the entire life cycle of the building, including guidance for designers to ensure that the overall design of a building assists and enhances the management of fire safety.



The British Standards Institute is the UK's National Standards Body. Solutions are proud to have a leading committee member on our team, keeping you up to date with the latest standards. This standard was released on the 31st December 2011.

## Solutions Say...

**"Adopting a fire safety culture is a corporate commitment that each organisation should have in place"**

Fire safety is a corporate commitment. It should be a condition of employment to ensure that each individual understands how important fire safety is taken within the organisation. Before fire safety arrangements and modern products, comes the old fashioned method of starting at the beginning and spreading the word to form a fire safety culture.

## Don't just follow the law

Compliance is an obligatory measure for thousands of companies universally. Organisations should be turning their attention to the importance of fire safety in the workplace. Life safety is the ultimate consequence if your building is not safe from fire. The welfare of employees, visitors and contractors in the workplace is the Responsible Persons ultimate protection from a fire occurring in their premises. Compliance is not just for ethical, moral or legal reasons, but because quite simply; it makes good business sense. Good business sense has proven to be directly linked to business performance. Adopting a workplace that reflects the best approach...*continue reading.*



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