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## Fire Door Inspection Services

Care Home Proprietors: How responsible are you?



Quality Fire Door Professionals

## Are you responsible?

If you're a care home proprietor or have been designated the "Responsible Person" for fire safety in a building – you are responsible for taking steps to protect residents and staff in the home from the risk of fire. It is your duty to ensure that all your passive and active fire protection is under a sustained, suitable and sufficient programme of inspection and maintenance.

## What is the RRO?

The RRO came into force in 2006 in England and Wales; transferring the responsibility for Fire Safety from the fire authorities to whoever has **day-to-day control of building premises**. This is known as the Responsible Person. This person must take steps to reduce the risk from fire; consider how to contain a fire should one break out and ensure people can escape safely. They also need to be able to identify a Competent Person i.e. knowledgeable, qualified professional who can undertake preventative and protective measures, such as Fire Door Inspections, if they're *not* confident to do so.



## Why are fire doors so important?

Fire doors save lives and protect property. Effective fire doors are essential to ensure that occupants can evacuate a burning building swiftly and safely; avoiding potentially tragic consequences.

Care homes often house vulnerable people who may not be physically or mentally prepared for a speedy evacuation – therefore in these environments escape routes require even greater protection, and fire doors are probably the single most important element in giving people enough time to safely evacuate the care home.

## Are your fire doors safe?

A fire door is not just the door leaf. It is a complete assembly comprising the frame, any glazing, intumescent fire and smoke seals and all the ironmongery that is used on the door, such as hinges, overhead door closers, latches and locks.

Just like other life safety devices, such as fire extinguishers and alarms, fire doors and final escape doors need regular, stringent inspection and maintenance to ensure that they will perform as intended in the event of a fire.

## Our Fire Door Inspection Services

We offer a professional and expert fire door inspection service. Our Certificated Fire Door Inspectors are fully qualified under the Fire Door Inspection Scheme (FDIS); and have been assessed by Exova Warringtonfire, an independent third party. Certificated to carry out the inspection of your building's fire doors and prepare a detailed survey and report on the condition and function of the fire doors on your premises.

## Don't let this happen to you!

- During 2013/14 there were **527 fires** in London's care homes and sheltered accommodation, **2 people died** and **34 were injured**.
- Anchor Trust, Rose Court Care Home, London (2014) - landlord fined £170,000 for breaching 2 fire safety laws after a **woman died**.
- Knutsford Care Home, Cheshire - owner given 12 month suspended prison sentence, 200 hours of unpaid work & fined £68,362 after pleading guilty to breaches in fire safety.

*\*Sources: Inside Housing; Knutsford Guardian & London Fire Brigade*



## Peace of mind

We check and test over 25 individual factors and components of your fire doors and issue a certificate of compliance.

- We will provide you with a detailed inventory and written report on the condition and functionality of each fire door. The report is held securely online.
- This report may be used by the designated Responsible Person as part of regulatory requirements in a fire risk assessment of the building.

- Requirements for any remedial work are identified in the report.
- A label is attached to each fire door indicating when the inspection was undertaken, and demonstrating to the users of the building that the doors have been surveyed professionally.

Don't leave it to chance, get in touch today – ask us about our services and obtain a quote.

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