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PAS 79:2005 Fire risk assessment. Guidance and a recommended methodology is a comprehensive Publicly Available Specification (PAS) that gives a new nine-step structured approach and corresponding documentation for conducting and recording significant findings of fire risk assessments in buildings and parts of buildings to which the Workplace Fire Precautions Legislation applies.

The intention of PAS 79 is to enable employers, and those acting on their behalf, to carry out the 'suitable and sufficient' fire risk assessment required by the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, so as to enable the employer to satisfy the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations.

PAS 79 provides those who carry out fire risk assessments with a logical and structured approach to carrying out fire risk assessments and to record the significant findings.

Fire risk assessments carried out according to PAS 79 address the safety of all occupants of buildings, including employees, visitors, guests, contractors and members of the public.

Accordingly, the fire risk assessments carried out to PAS 79 are likely to provide a good basis for the Responsible Person charged with ensuring adequate fire precautions in buildings when UK government makes major changes to fire safety legislation in England and Wales by means of a new Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. One significant change will be that fire authorities will no longer issue fire certificates for premises. Responsibility for fire safety of building occupants will lie with the Responsible Person.

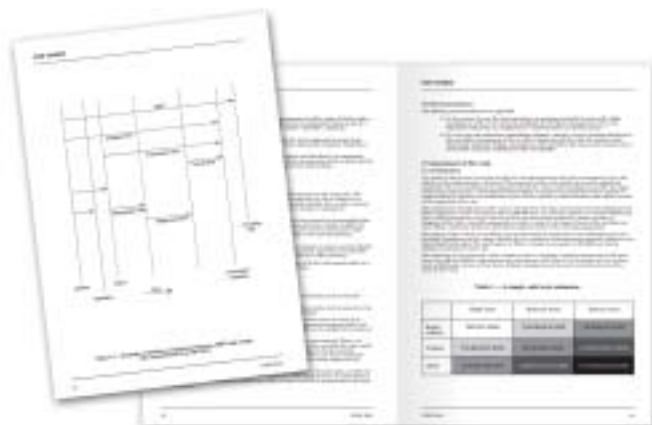
How can PAS 79 help you?

PAS 79 can:

- Provide organizations and their advisers with a suggested methodology for meeting their legislative responsibilities to undertake fire risk assessments
- Promote better understanding of fire risks and fire safety
- Encourage the adoption of a common understanding, a common language and a common system for carrying out fire risk assessments
- Provide an understanding of the principles and scope of fire risk assessments
- Establish a common basis for documentation of fire risk assessments
- Set a benchmark for a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment

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