



Protecting

We aim to work with the public, voluntary and private sectors to ensure standards of fire protection are in place which reflect the whole risk. That means whilst our primary concern is the threat to life, we will recognise and respond to the dangers posed to the environment, people's livelihood, public services and even the county's heritage. Whilst we will always seek to work in partnership, where the threat to safety is intolerable we will take swift enforcement action.

Our action plan for protecting people and premises in Hampshire follows on the next few pages.

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Audit-based Fire Safety Inspection Programme

What and why?

We will identify and record those premises that pose the greatest risk to life and use this risk intelligence to develop the IRMP and an audit-based fire safety inspection programme.

How and when?

We will develop and implement a bespoke Information Technology System (known as CFRMIS) by April 2006.

Fire Risk Assessments

What and why?

We will work with property owners to enable them to undertake fire risk assessments to ensure compliance with fire safety legislation and reduce risk.

How and when?

We will establish an audit-based fire safety inspection programme with 25% of recorded premises inspected on an annual basis by April 2007.

Fire Safety Enforcement

What and why?

Where property owners fail to comply we will enforce fire safety legislation in line with the Health and Safety Enforcement Management Model and the Concordat. This is to ensure a safer working environment for our business communities and the public.

How and when?

This new approach to enforcement will be triggered through referrals or the audit-based fire safety inspection programme which will be established by April 2007.

Business Community Fire Education

What and why?

We will encourage and support the business community to take responsibility for the reduction of risk, above minimum standards, to provide a safer working environment.

How and when?

As industry leaders we will promote, educate and facilitate wider fire safety learning within the business community by April 2006.

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Working with Local Authorities

We will re-align our administrative boundaries to coincide with those of the local authorities within the county, thereby providing a structure on which effective local working relationships can flourish through a common interface between our Group Managers and key personnel.

What and why?

The relocation of some staff and working bases, will lead to the provision of eight strategically situated fire safety bases, from where we can base our risk reduction activities in conjunction with other Group Managers and local authorities by August 2005.

How and when?

Sprinkler Protection

We will champion the benefits of fire protection initiatives, particularly fire sprinkler protection systems, to reduce loss of life in premises and lessen the impact of fire on the wider community. We will work with our Community Fire Safety teams to also promote the use of domestic sprinklers.

What and why?

We will work in partnership with Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and other agencies to raise awareness and understanding through formal partnership agreements by April 2006.

How and when?

Premises owned by The Crown

We will gather risk intelligence on premises owned by The Crown to inform and develop integrated fire protection strategies for identified high risk premises in preparation of anticipated legislative change.

What and why?

We will develop partnership agreements with The Crown Premises Inspection Group by December 2005.

How and when?

Reduction of False Alarm Calls

By providing guidance and leadership to the business community we will reduce the number of false alarms from fire detection systems to ensure the best use of resources for higher priority incidents.

What and why?

Within the regional and national framework we will develop strategies with key partners within the business community by April 2006.

How and when?