

Fire Door Inspections Compliance to Fire Safety Precautions under the Regulatory Reform Order 2005



Fire Doors form an essential part of your building's Passive Fire Protection measures.

Passive Systems are by their definition, built into a buildings' structure to provide stability and into walls and floors to separate the building into areas of manageable risk – compartments. These areas are designed to restrict the growth and spread of fire and smoke, allowing occupants to escape and offer protection for firefighters.

Such protection is either provided by the items or materials from which the building is constructed or is added to the building to enhance its fire resistance including <u>Fire</u> Doors.

Regular checking of fire doors is essential to ensure they are free from damage leading to a lack of effectiveness, door furniture, such as hinges, will wear over time and hinges can require regular maintenance and checks.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) 2005 states:

The responsible person must:

- (a) Take such general fire precautions as will ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of any of his employees; and
- (b) In relation to relevant persons who are not his employees, take such general fire precautions as may reasonably be required in the circumstances of the case to ensure that the premises are safe.

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Furthermore, under the RRO, Article 17 states:

That in order to safeguard the safety of relevant persons the responsible person must ensure that the premises and any facilities, equipment and devices provided in respect of the premises under this Order or, subject to paragraph (6), under any other enactment, including any enactment repealed or revoked by this Order, are subject to a suitable system of maintenance and are maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.

Government and other guidance recommend all fire doors should be inspected at least every six months.

This is supported by BS9999 Annex I and BS8214.



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