

FIRE TALK



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INTERNATIONAL FIREX

11 -14 May 2009
NEC Birmingham

**IFEDA to exhibit at International Firex.
Come along and say hello, it'd be great to
see you and discuss how IFEDA can help your
business; we're on stand J24.**

Latest RRO breaches: another landlord fined



A landlord has been fined £6,000 for not fitting fire safety devices in a block of flats in Radford, Nottinghamshire.

Simon Fields admitted failing to install a fire alarm, smoke detection system and self-closing devices on the doors at his flats in Belper Road, Radford.

Fire-fighters were called to a blaze in the ground floor flat in June last year; they had to lead a second-floor resident to safety. An inspection revealed there were no fire precautions in the flats or the common areas and inspectors banned the use of the first and second floors.

Mark Huckerby, head of fire protection said: "This fire had the potential to turn into a very

Are you losing potential customers?

A recent audit of the IFEDA website revealed that more than a few members have updated their website and email addresses without letting the National Office know. This could mean that your potential customer either clicks on your IFEDA link and gets a 'page not found' error, or tries to send you an email that just bounces back. Result: a lost customer. Please check your details and let Karen know of any necessary updates by emailing info@ifeda.org.

serious and fatal incident. It could easily have led to a very different, and tragic, ending. I hope that this prosecution will also serve as a potential warning to other landlords who may not take fire safety as seriously as they should, and do not comply with the law." Fields, of Wollaton, pleaded guilty to four fire safety charges at Nottingham Magistrates' Court. He was fined £1,500 for each offence and ordered to pay £3,772 in costs. The charges related to lack of smoke and fire alarms, self-closing doors and lack of emergency lighting in escape routes.

IFEDA training 2009: up and coming courses

3 day Extinguisher Technician Course (includes exam)

Dates:	Location:
19th, 20th, 21st May 2009	Fareham
9th, 10th, 11th June 2009	Stockport
21st, 22nd, 23rd July 2009	Fareham
18th, 19th, 20th August 2009	Stockport

1 day Refresher Course

Dates:	Location:
18th May 2009	Fareham
8th June 2009	Stockport
20th July 2009	Fareham
17th August 2009	Stockport

All the latest dates (including course content) for Full and Refresher training for fire extinguisher technicians at Fareham and Stockport can be found at:

www.ifeda.org/training.htm.

Please call the National Office on 02380 513326 for more information and to book.

Don't forget, refresher training can also take place at your premises, dependent on numbers. Please call for further details.



Are your policies up to date?

As a service to members the National Office offers the following policies which, on request, can be personalised to your particular company and named persons: Health & safety; equal opportunities; equal pay; environmental, quality and lone-worker (with suggested risk assessment form). The documents also contain procedural advice on substance abuse and the signs of stress.

IFEDA: Offering guidance, support and training

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**Abbot
Fire Group**

CHAS approval and expansion at Abbot Fire Group

Nigel Walton, Director at Abbot Fire Group, is pleased to announce that they have recently become CHAS approved (the contractors health and safety scheme); and also successfully been assessed against the most recent ISO standard 9001: 2008.

Nigel went on to say that he has also added a new engineer to his growing kitchen suppression team, which provides trade companies the facility of Abbot Fire servicing, installing and repairing most makes of kitchen suppression systems including Ansul and Amerex for which Abbot Fire is an approved distributor/installer. Nigel's team also have the use of plain vans and paperwork so they can attend sites on your behalf/as you. Abbot Fire Group can be contacted on 0330 440 1815 or via the website: www.abbotfiregroup.co.uk.

Fire safety log book



Available from the National Office the IFEDA fire safety logbook has been completely rewritten, revised and updated to take into account the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Other important updates include expanded sections on staff training and fire alarms as well as room for your fire risk assessment information.

With the introduction of the RRO in October 2006, it is imperative to keep comprehensive records of fire safety equipment maintenance; the IFEDA fire log book provides for this essential requirement as well as greatly assisting the responsible person in their duties.

The latest edition allows the responsible person and/or the fire safety maintenance company



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies who have recently been granted full membership of IFEDA:

Firesmart UK Ltd of Manchester Fireline Protection of Wrexham

We wish them both a long and fruitful association with IFEDA. These new members' details can be found on the full members pages of the website, www.ifeda.org.



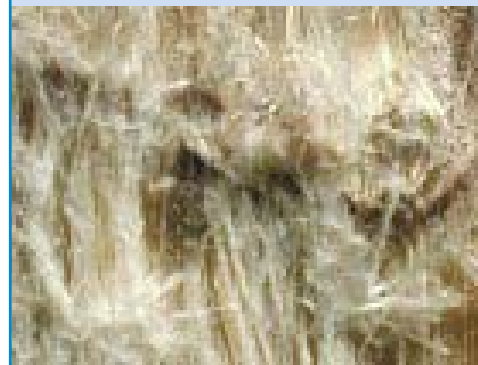
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Contract success at Integral UK

A busy period for the fire division of Integral UK Ltd has seen the winning of contracts for a total of 700 sites across the UK. Carl Redfern, the National Operations Manager, stated they had won a fire equipment maintenance contract for the Sanctuary Housing and Care group. This contract is for a period of three years and involves the supply and maintenance of 500 plus sites across the UK. This was quickly followed by a similar contract of three years and 200 sites for the non-custodial home office probation service based around the South East and East Anglia. To contact Integral UK call 01962 810850 or visit their website: www.integral.co.uk.

to record all the essential data from fire alarm testing/servicing and portable fire extinguishers to staff fire drills, emergency lighting and false alarms. Also available (to members only) is the expanded log book on CD-rom with additional sections. With this version you can add your logo with company information, print as many as you like, and amend the contents for a particular client. The book is available at £3.50 (members), £8.00 (non-members); with the CD-rom costing £95.00 (members).

Beware asbestos



As the following article demonstrates, part of your company code of practice when working on a client's premises needs to include a request to see the asbestos register:

The HSE is reminding companies of the importance of the accuracy of asbestos surveys after two workers were unwittingly exposed to asbestos whilst carrying out refurbishment work. The reminder follows the prosecution of Bestoff Services Ltd following a breach of health and safety legislation at a construction site.

Bestoff Services Ltd of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, pleaded guilty to breaching section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. They were fined £3,000, ordered to pay costs of £2,091.70 and a victim surcharge of £15.00.

The company carried out an asbestos survey on a site in February 2008 and reported that the site contained no asbestos. Two members of staff began work on the site the following month and part of their job involved removing panels of fibrous board. Several days later the site manager became suspicious about the pieces of fibrous panels that had been removed and they were analysed. The results showed they did in fact contain asbestos. On 27 March an additional survey was carried out that identified asbestos-containing materials in several areas throughout the building, including the areas where the two men had been working.

IFEDA news - online



The online version of this IFEDA newsletter contained in the 'Members Only' area of the website (www.ifeda.org) has additional articles on breaches of the

RRO and of the asbestos regulations, plus the answer to last issue's members' quiz.

