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Fire

In 2006 there will be significant changes to Fire legislation with the repeal of the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and replacement with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order. This will mean that occupiers of premises will have the responsibility to ensure that Fire precautions are adequate.

A fire risk assessment helps you identify all the fire hazards and risks in your workplace.

You can then decide whether they are acceptable or whether you need to do something to reduce or control them.

Who should do the risk assessment? Someone who has had sufficient training or has good experience or knowledge of fire safety. **TCH** Safety Consultants can help you through this process.

- identify the fire hazards
- identify people at risk
- evaluating the risks
- record your findings
- review and revise

If you employ five or more employees you must record the significant findings of your risk assessment,

together with details of any people that are at particular risk. More importantly, the record must show whether the existing control measures are adequate and, if not, what further action is required to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.

It is important to remember that fire risk assessment is a continuous process and as such must be monitored and audited. New and existing control measures should be maintained to make sure they are still working effectively.