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# Fire Door Inspection Scheme



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## Who inspects your fire doors?

A fire door is a vital safety device engineered to save lives and protect property.

Its correct specification, fitting and maintenance are the responsibility of every person involved in the process. If short cuts have been taken to save money on specification or maintenance FDIS is here to help you.



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## Are your fire doors safe?

Every building owner, with the exception of domestic housing, is required by law to undertake an annual fire risk assessment. The fire risk assessment should identify fire safety management processes; fire hazards; those people at risk; mitigation measures and action to be taken; information and training needs and how the assessment will be kept under review. If the building owner/landlord has five or more employees, the fire risk assessment must be recorded in writing. The individual tasked with producing the fire risk assessment is known as the Responsible Person.



Fire doors are an essential part of a building's Passive Fire Protection, ensuring that the building is compartmentalised and helping to prevent the fire from spreading, allowing any occupants time to escape.

Fire doors act as any other door in normal service, but in a fire they take on a critical role – to save lives and to protect property.

### How do you know if they're safe?

If you are the Responsible Person, you must make sure that the fire risk assessment is carried out. You can appoint a Competent Person\* to do the actual assessment, **but you are still responsible in law.**

So how confident are you or your appointee in checking the fire doors and all the components fitted to them in your building? Do you know what to look for, or what to do if the doors or any of their components require maintenance?

\*If the Competent Person is an employee, the Responsible Person must ensure that appropriate and sufficient training is provided so that the fire safety obligations can be competently discharged. If the Competent Person is a contractor, it is implicit that the contractor must be able to demonstrate appropriate levels of competence, for example by third party assessment.

### Why should your fire doors be inspected professionally?

The condition of fire doors and their components is included as part of the fire risk assessment. Building owners who fail to comply with the regulations can be prosecuted and fined or even sent to jail. Recent prosecutions have been severe, even for seemingly trivial issues such as failing to fit fire seals or closers, or wedging a fire door open.



### FDIS is for you

The Fire Door Inspection Scheme (FDIS) is a scheme delivered by the BWF-CERTIFIRE Scheme and the Guild of Architectural Ironmongers, the two leading authorities on fire doors and their components.

FDIS Inspectors provide a professional service for building owners who require a competent and detailed survey and report on the condition and function of the fire doors on their premises.

The work is undertaken by **certificated professionals** who have undertaken training and been independently assessed to prove that they are competent. This provides building owners and managers with confidence that the fire doors in the premises have been rigorously inspected.

- Doors are inspected by qualified professional individuals who have been assessed by Exova Warringtonfire, an independent third party.
- FDIS Inspectors provide clients with a detailed inventory and written report on the condition and functionality of each fire door. The report is held securely online.
- The report may be used by the designated Responsible Person as part of regulatory requirements in a fire risk assessment of the building.
- Requirements for any remedial work are identified in the report.
- A label is attached to each fire door indicating when inspection was undertaken, and demonstrates to the users of the building that the doors have been surveyed professionally.



### Peace of mind – for you and your clients

Having your doors inspected by qualified, third-party assessed and certificated professionals not only gives you peace of mind, it also reassures the building's occupiers that you take fire safety seriously.

From hotels, office buildings, nursing homes and schools to student accommodation or local authority housing, every occupier has the right to feel that if a fire does break out, they will be safe, and that the fire doors in the building will perform as they were intended.

To find a Certificated Fire Door Inspector visit [www.fdis.co.uk/inspector](http://www.fdis.co.uk/inspector)



**A landlord in Slough was fined more than £40,000 for putting his tenants at risk of injury or death from fire including locking fire doors.**

**The licensee and managers of a Sunderland hostel were charged in excess of £10,000 for offences including a padlocked fire exit.**

**Takeaway restaurant owners in Bath were fined £15,000 plus £1,500 in costs for having poor fire precautions in a whole range of areas. Inadequate fire separation was cited as a particular issue.**

**A Blackpool landlord was ordered to pay over £43,000 for breaches of the RRO that included fire doors which did not close properly.**