

NSI Bulletin - Issue 3:

Topic: Where Do You Guide a Policyholder to Source a competent Fire Risk Assessment Company?

Insurance company risk control surveyors often inspect the Fire Risk Assessment for life safety undertaken by the business they are visiting.

Insurers' teams and outsource risk control specialists have shown us library examples of their risk improvement wordings, used on those occasions where there is no evidence of an assessment in place or an inadequate assessment is provided.

When the policyholder asks where to get specialist guidance or support, we understand not all surveyors, underwriters and brokers know where to source competent companies providing those services.

The Fire Sector Federation has created a guide to [Choosing a Competent Fire Risk Assessor](#). This covers 'company certification', 'person certification' and 'professional body' registration schemes along with links to the organisations who operate the schemes.

The guide highlights that competence of a company to deliver fire risk assessments can be demonstrated by holding third party certification from a UKAS accredited Certification Body.

NSI are highlighted as delivering the BAFE 'SP205' company scheme for Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment.

NSI approved companies demonstrate their competence by subjecting themselves to ongoing audit programmes which include at least annual on-site witnessing of their Assessors and Validators, random sampling of completed fire risk assessment reports, inspection of management systems and confirmation of adherence to standards & codes of practice.

A number of the UK's leading fire specialists choose to carry the NSI hallmark to demonstrate their competence in this particular field.

Seventy-four NSI approved companies can be found using our [Company Finder](#) and searching: 'Select Approval - All NSI', 'Search Type – Advanced' and 'Service Option - Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment (BAFE)'. Click here for a national list of [NSI approved Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment companies](#).

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NSI News

[National Police Chiefs' Council Releases 2021 Update on Security Systems Policy for Security Installers and Alarm Receiving Centres \(ARCs\)](#): The NPCC has revised the 'Police Requirements for Security Systems Policy' applicable to Installers and ARCs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Find out more about the changes and access the policy.

[NSI Publishes 3rd Edition of Access Control Systems Code of Practice – NCP 109](#): Find out more about the latest revision (Issue 3).

[A Practical Guide to Fire Safety for Offices](#): Read an article prepared by NSI for IFSEC Global which provides practical guidance on fire safety in the workplace as the phased return of staff begins.

[Publication of British Standard BS 8243:2021](#): This Code of Practice for the design, installation and configuration of Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems designed to generate confirmed alarm conditions was recently published having undergone a full revision. Find out more about the latest changes.



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