



Policy Statement:

The vision of Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority (the Authority) is to make Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes the safest areas in England in which to live, work and travel.

The Authority values the diverse makeup of the community, and will ensure that all areas of the community are treated with a fair and consistent approach.

The Authority is responsible for the enforcement of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (the Order), and the officers appointed to undertake this role must do so in a fair, unbiased and consistent manner, which supports the growth of the businesses which we regulate.

The delivery of effective regulations depends on the competency of the professionals who carry out the work, and the Authority is committed to complying with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) "Competency Framework for Business Safety Regulators".

Statement of intent:

Securing compliance with regulatory fire safety requirements is an important part of achieving the Authority's vision, with the aim of:

- Working with those who wish to engage and comply with the Order, taking the appropriate level of enforcement action where compliance or a willingness to comply is not demonstrated
- Enforcing the provisions of the Order and any regulations made under it in relation to premises for which it is the enforcing authority
- Supporting regulated entities to understand and meet regulatory requirements and respond proportionately to regulatory breaches
- Using guidance provided by the Secretary of State, and other statutory and non-statutory Codes of Practices, such as the Regulators' Code and the Enforcement Management Model which has been adopted by the NFCC
- Basing regulatory activities on risk; maintaining an evidence-based approach to determining and prioritising risks in its area and allocating resources accordingly
- Targeting the business community with initiatives that provide clear and simple information on fire safety, arson prevention and appropriate control measures, including the promotion of sprinkler or suppression systems
- Reducing the number of automatic fire alarms and unwanted fire signals
- Entering into appropriate partnerships under the Primary Authority Scheme