

## Public Register of Notices

### What is the Public Register?

As part of its ongoing commitment to “Safer Communities; Safer Firefighters”, Humberside Fire & Rescue will visit, inspect and audit a wide range of premises to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies. If fire safety deficiencies are discovered that put people at risk, we will take action to ensure that the premises are made safer from fire for everybody. This action will be proportionate to the risk posed and can range from giving advice on how matters may be improved (Informal notices), to requiring works to be done within a certain time period and prohibiting the use of a premises, through STATUTORY NOTICES.

As an Enforcing Authority of fire safety legislation, we are required by the Environment and Safety Information Act 1988 to maintain a public register of the Statutory Notices we have served.

Notices included on the register are:

- **Alterations Notices:** An alterations notice may be served on the responsible person if the Fire and Rescue Authority is of the opinion that any structural alterations being made to the premises will constitute a serious risk to relevant persons (whether due to features of the premises, their use, and any hazard present or any other circumstances). An alterations notice does not necessarily mean that the responsible person has failed to comply with any requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- **Enforcement Notices:** Where the Fire and Rescue Authority is of the opinion that the person responsible for fire safety in the premises has failed to comply with any provision of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The notice must state why the Fire Authority is of that opinion, specify the provisions which have not been complied with, and must give a timescale (not less than 28 days) in which to take steps to remedy the failures. The Notice will normally include directions as to the measures which the Fire Authority consider are necessary to remedy the failure(s).
- **Prohibition Notices:** The Fire and Rescue Authority can prohibit or restrict the use of premises if the risk to people in case of fire is so serious until the specified matters have been remedied. Failing to comply with a Prohibition Notice is a criminal offence; it can result in the prosecution of any person who contravenes the conditions specified in the notice.

## How does it work?

- The register will be available for public inspection via the National Enforcement Register on the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) website from 1 February 2012, which can be found here: [Enforcement Register - Chief Fire Officers Association](#)
- Each entry in the register will be indexed and contain sufficient detail to convey the substance of the notice to which it relates.
- Information of notices will be available for public inspection on the register within 14 days of expiry of the 21 day statutory appeal period. Where an appeal is made, no notice will be recorded until a decision on the appeal is reached. No entry will be made if a notice is 'overturned' by the Courts.
- The status of each notice is displayed on the register, an Enforcement Notice will either be "In Force" OR "Complied with" a "Prohibition Notice" and "Alterations Notice" will be either "In Force" or "Withdrawn".
- Should the status of a notice change e.g. it is 'withdrawn' or 'complied with', the register will be updated to reflect these changes.
- Entries will remain on the register for a period of five years or for as long as they remain in force.

The Technical Fire Safety Management Team within Humberside Fire & Rescue Service will ensure that any information held on the register is current.