



Responsible Person & Third Party Certification Explained



About Us:

Jewel Passive Fire Protection Ltd is one of the leading fire safety companies within the passive fire protection sector. We are purposefully based in Central London and the South East to be able to deliver and keep safe projects across the entire country, with full traceability using Bolster System Software.

We are a proud third-party accredited establishment, with numerous years' experience within fire safety industry and a proven track record for greatness. We are flexible and adaptable enough, with our drive for knowledge via training to undertake and overcome every new project, working closely with each and every client giving us the ability to produce excellence in project delivery.

We provide a high quality qualified fire safety service to both the private and public sector, incorporating refurbishment and new build projects including all maintenance, installation, surveys and repairs.

The Jewel Passive Fire Protection provides primary protection for a building, its contents and occupants by producing, in the event of fire, fundamental compartmentalization, structural stability, fire separation and safe means of escape.

Our aim, services and qualifications are to help with the current Legislation and Enforcement - The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which came into force in October 2006, requires there to be a Responsible Person, a person with specific responsibility for all aspects of fire safety in all workplaces in England and Wales. There is a duty is on the person responsible for the premises to ensure that a fire risk assessment is undertaken and to maintain general fire precautions.

What and Who is the Responsible Person?

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 requires that the responsible person (the person having control of the building, or a degree of control) takes reasonable steps to reduce the risk from fire and makes sure people can safely escape if there is a fire. This includes all people that might visit the premises.



The Order defines the 'responsible person' as:

In relation to a workplace, the employer, if the workplace is to any extent under his control;

In relation to any premises other than workplaces:

The person who has control of the premises (as occupier or otherwise) in connection with the carrying on by him of a trade, business or other undertaking (for profit or not); or

The owner, where the person in control of the premises does not have control in connection with the carrying on by that person of a trade, business or other undertaking.

The duties of the responsible person are set out in articles 8 to 22 of the Order, and include:

- Taking fire precautions to ensure the safety of employees and premises.
- Undertaking a risk assessment.
- Adopting the principles specified in Part 3 of Schedule 1 (the principles of prevention) See Fire principles of prevention for more information.
- Making arrangements for the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of the preventive and protective measures.
- Eliminating or reducing risks from dangerous substances.
- Ensuring premises are equipped with appropriate fire-fighting equipment and with fire detectors and alarms; and that any non-automatic fire-fighting equipment is easily accessible, simple to use and indicated by signs.
- Ensuring that routes to emergency exits and the exits themselves are kept clear at all times.
- Establishing appropriate procedures, including safety drills, to be followed in the event of serious and imminent danger to relevant persons.
- Ensuring that no relevant person has access to any area to which it is necessary to restrict access on grounds of safety, unless the person concerned has received adequate safety instruction.
- Adopting additional emergency measures in respect of dangerous substances.
- Ensuring equipment is maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair.
- Appointing Competent or Third Part Certificated Companies to assist them in undertaking preventive and protective measures.
- Providing information and training to employees
- Providing information to employers from outside organisations and the self employed.
- Co-operating and co-ordinating with other responsible persons.

What is Third Party Certification?

Third Party Certification (TPC) is, in essence, a consumer protection scheme. It enables you, the supplier, house/development manager, agent and responsible person to have comfort, peace of mind and to provide proof that you are using a company that is competent. TPC means that an independent expert, (the third party), has assessed the business in question and found that it has met certain standards. These standards usually relate to technical aspects of the business activities, but may also relate to other aspects of the business such as ethical and environmental qualities, in relation to the work the company is doing within the fire industry.

More plainly put, Third Party Certification is the highest assurance of quality when looking for a provider to help meet your passive fire protection requirements and provide Traceability. It offers independent verification and evidence that a company is working to the appropriate standards, are competent in the work they do and know the best practice for the specific service you require.

How does Traceability work?

