

## Case Studies



### Fire policy review undertaken on behalf of Barclays Bank

FPA was invited to review the fire safety arrangements at eight key locations operated by Barclays Bank plc. The assignment comprised of a series of site visits to review the fire safety systems which were in operation and to gain an understanding of the degree of risk at each of the premises.

Acting in accordance to a specific brief, FPA consultants were to consider fire safety policy issues and make reference to examples observed during the site visits.

In presenting its findings, we gave particular attention to the following issues:

- statutory compliance gap analysis
- rationalisation of standards
- standards gap analysis
- responsibilities gap analysis between the facilities management provider and the client
- life safety systems and loss control inspection programmes
- recommendations for frequency and type of emergency drill practice

The report was presented to the Health and Safety team at Barclays Bank and used to enhance Barclays' existing corporate fire safety management programme.

### Tim Cradock, Group Safety Manager, Barclays Bank plc comments:

"We felt that we needed an independent review of our fire safety arrangements for our more complex sites to ensure that our processes and procedures were reflecting best practice. I was impressed with their expertise, independence and their ability to operate in partnership with us to deliver this important piece of work."



### Comprehensive risk assessments undertaken for over 2,000 properties

Genesis Housing Group is one of the most diverse housing groups in the UK, owning or managing more than 40,000 homes across London and the South East for tens of thousands of people.

Following a comprehensive tendering process, FPA was awarded the contract to undertake a fire risk assessment programme for over 2,000 Genesis properties within a 12-month period.

With a large and varied housing stock to survey in a relatively short space of time it was necessary to prioritize those buildings and occupants deemed to be at higher risk and following discussions between FPA and Genesis, the following schedule was established:

- sheltered housing accommodation
- general needs properties, four storeys and above
- low-rise general needs properties

Up to 15 fire safety consultants worked on the project and maintaining consistency of reports was a key factor to be controlled by FPA head office. To achieve this, only two members of staff peer reviewed each report in accordance with the FPA quality management system.

Monthly project meetings were held to report on progress and implementing any recommendations or monitoring of improvement works, often including representatives from London Fire Brigade.

### Clinton Rae, Genesis Housing Group

"FPA were set an extremely tight deadline of surveying over 2,000 properties within a 12 month period. The response was fantastic and our growing relationship has meant we often call upon them to provide us with advice on a number of other issues which are accommodated without question."



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## Experience and Expertise

The Fire Protection Association (FPA), founded in 1946, is the UK's national fire safety organisation, promoting fire safety within industry, commerce and the wider public. We are one of the most respected providers of fire risk assessments and fire consulting services in the UK, with a wide network of highly qualified professionals offering a comprehensive, tailored service to clients.

We have extensive experience in all sectors, including construction, manufacturing, social housing and residential care, retail, local government, educational and healthcare premises. Operating right across the UK, we offer a high integrity service enabling organisations to fulfil their fire, health and safety compliance requirements in a timely and cost-effective manner.

## Fire Risk Assessments

- life safety fire risk assessments to meet the requirements of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order in England and Wales, part 3 of Fire (Scotland) Act and Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland)
- property protection assessments to reduce and manage the potential for extensive property loss in the event of fire
- extensive fire risk assessments addressing both life safety and property protection – conducted in accordance with the appropriate fire safety risk assessment guide, relevant standards and codes.

## NSI Gold Award for BAFE SP205 Certification

FPA is one of only a handful of organisations that have been awarded with the NSI Gold Award for registration to BAFE SP205, which means you can have complete confidence that our assessors and quality management systems meet the highest industry standards.

BAFE scheme SP205 has been developed for companies who provide Life Safety Fire Risk Assessment services. It allows UKAS accredited bodies, such as the National Security Inspectorate, to certify companies for compliance and ensure fire risk assessments are issued in accordance with the scheme criteria. The scheme is designed to give assurance to those commissioning fire risk assessments that the service provider they appoint is competent and been independently approved.

## Dynamic Reporting

For organisations that require instant, transparent and consistent graphical or data-based reports we can undertake risk assessments utilising our online compliance management system. Benefits of the system include:

- single point of management
- automatically distributed workload
- clear, customisable reporting for all types of user
- task (remedial action) progress and processing
- automated emails and reminders
- graphical dashboards and static PDFs
- KPIs & management reports
- exception management
- drill down to a type / risk / team / user perspective
- audit trails

## Specialist Consultancy Services

We are able to assist with the development and management of your fire safety programme, providing practical and cost-effective solutions for specific fire safety problems.

### Services include:

- the development, implementation, and review of premises-specific fire safety strategies and standards
- local authority licensing issues
- evaluation and supervision of fire drills
- specialist advice for resolving complex fire safety problems using a fire engineering approach
- fire safety management contracts; acting as a service provider, we can manage your fire safety management system. Fire safety specialists can also be provided on a part-time or temporary basis
- development of fire safety manuals to support the ongoing management of complex or multi-occupancy premises

## Compartmentation Surveys

Ensuring appropriate fire separation throughout a building is one of the most effective, but often least considered, means of protecting a premises and its occupants.

Our team of experienced assessors can undertake non-invasive and where required, invasive, surveys to check not only that compartmentation exists but that it is suitable for the circumstances.

## Fire Safety Audits

Based on your existing fire precautions or fire safety manual, we will conduct an independent, impartial and thorough audit, adding value to your fire safety management system. Our comprehensive report format can be used or we can develop a format to support the specific needs of your organisation.

Audits are based on quality management audit principles, including preliminary feedback at the end of the audit, and complete client confidentiality. Post-audit technical support is also available.

## Fire Investigation

In the unfortunate event of a fire occurring, a post-fire support service is available. Acting independently, or as part of a specialist team, we can assist in determining the origin and cause of a fire.

Independent reviews of reports are also undertaken to identify the lessons to be learnt and to provide recommendations to help prevent a recurrence.

## DSEAR Assessments

Our assessors have the specialist knowledge required to undertake DSEAR assessments to ensure you are using and storing your hazardous materials and substances in the safest manner and complying to strict legislative requirements.

