

# **FIRE TRAINING- NOT JUST A TICKBOX**

What do you think about when you hear about Fire Training? Do you think about a couple of hours from doing your work? Do you think that atleast you get a certificate for your CV? Or do you think that it's all just a waste of time?

## **What is the Legislation?**

The Fire Safety Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 which came into effect on 15 November 2010 state that an employer shall ensure that his/her employees are provided with adequate fire safety training. This shall begin when they are 1st employed and periodically repeated.

## **What types of Fire Training are there?**

There are 2 main types of Fire Training.

1. General Fire Awareness- This is for all members of staff.
2. Fire Warden Training- This is for those members of staff who would have more responsibility regarding Fire Safety on site.

## **General Fire Awareness Training**

- Fire Safety Legislation
- Fire procedures of their own site
- The Theory of Fire
- Classes of Fire
- Types of Fire Extinguishers and how to use them

## **Fire Warden Training**

- Fire Safety Legislation
- Fire procedures of their own site
- Day to Day Fire Safety of their site
- Duties of a Fire Warden
- Fire Prevention
- The Theory of Fire
- Classes of Fire
- Types of Fire Extinguishers and how to use them

## **How many Fire Wardens would I need on my site?**

The number of Fire Wardens required would be different for every site. The size of the building, the works that go on and the risks that there are all contribute to the amount of Fire Wardens required.

Holidays, sickness and shift patterns also determine the amount that need trained. The Fire Risk Assessment that would be carried out on your site would identify the amount required.