

# Business Support Links

We are striving to make all businesses in the WMFS area safe from fire, so that you can work in them or visit them safely.

Below are links to websites that can help your business to ensure it meets its legal requirements and offers some guidance and support in relation to Fire risk assessments, CLG guides, Fire Safety Training, Arson prevention, Crime Prevention and general Fire Safety signposting.

Please look at the information in this document, and if you require further support please contact West Midlands Fire Service.

## Fire Risk Assessment:

The responsibility for the fire risk assessment sits squarely with the responsible person. You can do this yourself if you wish or use an accredited company. If you use an accredited company, you must satisfy yourself that the person holds the relevant qualifications and has the necessary experience to enable them to competently undertake your risk assessment.

Guidance on your responsibilities can be found here;

[www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities)

Further guidance on fire risk assessment and finding an assessor:

[www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/Finding-fire-risk-assessor](http://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/Finding-fire-risk-assessor)

For guidance on completing a fire risk assessment and CLG Fire Risk Assessment Guides:

[www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-risk-assessments](http://www.gov.uk/workplace-fire-safety-your-responsibilities/fire-risk-assessments)

## Arson Protection

47% of all fires attended by UK Fire and Rescue Services are started deliberately. How easily could someone start a fire within or around your building? For tips to prevent arson on your premises or to find out more about the cost of Arson to your business:

<https://www.stoparsonuk.org/arson/Arson.php>

## WMFS Fire Safety Training:

West Midlands Fire Service are experts in Fire Safety and offer a range of quality training courses that are professionally delivered. WMFS courses include practical demonstrations which help prepare for real-life situations. We run a variety of courses on different subjects and deliver high quality fire safety, first aid and emergency response training within the west midlands and nationwide. We are here for your business to ensure your business benefits from our skills and experience:

A brochure can be provided on request and for more information go to:

[www.wmfs.net/our-services/training/](http://www.wmfs.net/our-services/training/)

## Safe & Strong Visit:

It's our business to help businesses and other organisations keep their staff, residents, visitors and buildings safe from fire. Doing this helps businesses to thrive and makes the West Midlands stronger. To request a Safe & Strong visit follow this link:

[www.wmfs.net/our-services/safe-and-strong/](http://www.wmfs.net/our-services/safe-and-strong/)

## Fire Safety Audit Checklist:

You may find it beneficial to discuss what happens during a fire safety audit and what a Fire Safety Inspecting Officer would be looking for during an inspection.

If you would like to discuss the audit process, please request a meeting and we can go through a fire safety audit checklist form to give you an understanding of what we will be looking for.

## Crime Reduction

Working with the police and other key partners, we are targeting the key drivers of crime to stop crimes happening in the first place. For more information to keep you safe from crime please follow this link:

[www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/business-and-community-burglary/#prevention](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/business-and-community-burglary/#prevention)

## Better Business for All

Better Business for All (BBfA) brings together businesses and regulators to consider and change how local regulation is delivered and received. It involves the creation of local partnerships to identify the issues facing local businesses and shape the provision of effective support services to them. It gives the businesses help that is tailored to their needs, making it easier for them to 'get it right first time'.

[www.bbfa.biz/](http://www.bbfa.biz/)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-regulation-better-business-for-all](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-regulation-better-business-for-all)

## Further Information

You are not obliged to accept our offer of advice we simply aim to offer you support on how to manage the risk and consequences of fire.

If you have a concern or query about a Fire Safety Issue you can contact us

[www.wmfs.net/our-services/fire-safety/](http://www.wmfs.net/our-services/fire-safety/)



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