



East Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

EAST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

Notice No
ESFRS/WE/003/E/07

Notice requiring steps to be taken under Article 30 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Name: Company Secretary

Address: Chequers Inn Hotel
The Square
Forest Row
East Sussex RH18 5ES

Premises: Chequers Inn Hotel

I, Neil Biffen, on behalf of East Sussex Fire Authority, hereby give you notice that the Fire Authority is of the opinion that, as a person being under an obligation to do so, you have failed to comply with the requirements placed upon you by The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in respect of the above named premises and the persons who may be on the premises or who may be affected by a fire on the premises.

The matters which, in the opinion of the Fire Authority constitute the failure(s) to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 are specified in the Schedule to this Notice.

The Fire Authority is further of the opinion that the steps identified in the schedule must be taken to remedy the specified failure(s) to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The steps identified in the schedule are to be completed by the dates indicated on the schedule.

Unless the steps identified in the schedule have been complied with in the given time limit, you will be deemed not to have complied with this Notice and the Fire Authority may consider a prosecution against you. You may however apply for an extension to this time limit (see notes).

You have the right to appeal against the Notice (see notes), by way of complaint for an order, to the Clerk to the Court of the Magistrates' Court acting for the petty sessions area in which your premises is located. If you wish to bring an appeal, you must do so within 21 days of the date this Notice is served on you. The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 will apply to the proceedings. The bringing of an appeal shall have the effect of suspending the operation of this Enforcement Notice until the appeal is finally disposed of or, the appeal is withdrawn, until the withdrawal of the appeal.

Signature Date 5th April 2007
(on behalf and duly authorised by the Fire Authority)

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE NO ESFRS/WE/003/E/07 REQUIRING STEPS TO BE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 30 OF THE REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005 ISSUED BY EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY ON 5th APRIL 2007.

Name of Premises: Chequers Inn Hotel

Address of Premises: The Square, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5ES

Where appropriate, a plan may form part of this Schedule to illustrate the steps which, in the opinion of the Fire Authority, need to be taken in order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Note: Notwithstanding any consultation undertaken by the Fire Authority, **before** you make any alterations to the premises, **you** may need to apply for approval from either the Local Authority Building Control or an Approved Inspector and/or the approval of any other local bodies having a statutory interest in the premises.

SCHEDULE

<p>The location and details of matters which are considered to be failures to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 are detailed in the column below.</p>	<p>The steps considered necessary to remedy the failures are detailed in the column below.</p>
<p>1. Failures under Article 9 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.</p> <p><i>(The Responsible Person must carry out a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment. This risk assessment must identify the general fire precautions needed to comply with the legislation).</i></p> <p>1.1 A suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment has not been carried out for the premises.</p>	<p>1.1 Carry out a suitable and sufficient Risk Assessment in accordance with the published guidance.</p> <p>For the purposes of identifying the measures to be taken to comply with the relevant legislation, information on how to carry out a fire risk assessment has been published by HM Government in the form of a series of Fire Safety Risk Assessment Guides for different uses of premises. They are available for free download at: http://www.firesafetyguides.communities.gov.uk or can be purchased at bookshops. If the Responsible Person feels that they do not have the necessary experience or expertise to do this, they must appoint one or more competent persons to assist him in identifying the general fire precautions he needs, to comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed on him by this Order. Where an employee is deemed to be a competent person they should be appointed in preference to someone from outside of the workforce.</p> <p>To be completed by: 3rd May 2007</p>

<p>2. Failures under Article 13(1)(a) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.</p> <p><i>(The responsible person must ensure that the premises are equipped with appropriate fire detectors and alarms).</i></p> <p>2.1 The existing fire detection and fire warning system currently fitted within the premises provides inadequate coverage and does not meet current standards.</p>	<p>2.1 Upgrade the current fire alarm and fire detection system within the premises to conform with the standards detailed in the appropriate HM Government Guide. The fire alarm system should comply with BS 5839: Part 1 or equivalent.</p> <p>In the Fire Authority's opinion, a BS 5839: Part 1: Category L2 System would be appropriate.</p> <p>To be completed by 5th October 2007</p>
<p>3. Failures under Article 17(1) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.</p> <p><i>(The responsible person must ensure that any facilities, equipment and devices provided in the premises are maintained in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair).</i></p> <p>3.1 The fire alarm system fitted in the premises is not being adequately maintain in efficient working order.</p> <p>3.2 The emergency lighting system fitted in the premises is not being tested at the recommended frequency and adequate test records are not being maintained.</p>	<p>3.1 The fire alarm to be tested weekly using a different call point for each successive test to ensure that the system operates satisfactorily. Maintain a record of each alarm test and promptly deal with any defects identified.</p> <p>To be completed by 3rd May 2007</p> <p>3.2 The emergency lighting system is to be inspectd daily and subjected to a monthly test in addition to the tests recommended by the manufacturer. A record of the tests should be kept.</p> <p>To be completed by 3rd May 2007</p>

<p>4. Failures under Article 21(1) and 21(2) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.</p> <p><i>(The responsible person must ensure that their employees are provided with adequate safety training. Such training should be repeated on a regular basis).</i></p> <p>4.1 Employees are not being given adequate and appropriate fire safety training in line with their levels of responsibility.</p>	<p>4.1 Provide all members of staff with instruction and training appropriate to their level of responsibility which covers the actions they should take in the event of fire. The training should be based on written instructions and a record of all such training is to be maintained.</p> <p>To be completed by 3rd May 2007</p>
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The Fire Authority considers that the above detailed steps will achieve a satisfactory minimum standard of fire safety in the premises. Alternative ways of achieving an equivalent standard may be available and any request for the Fire Authority to consider alternative proposals should be submitted as a matter of urgency. Additional time is unlikely to be allowed for completion of any alternative proposals unless such requests are received promptly.

**NOTES TO ACCOMPANY ENFORCEMENT NOTICE
SERVED UNDER ARTICLE 30 OF THE
REGULATORY REFORM (FIRE SAFETY) ORDER 2005**

1. Contravention of any requirement imposed by an Enforcement Notice is an offence under Article 32 of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and renders the offender liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or, on conviction on indictment, to an unlimited fine, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.
2. In any proceedings for an offence referred to in Note 1, where the commission by any person of an offence under the Order is due to the act or default of some other person, that person is guilty of the offence, and a person may be charged with and convicted of the offence whether or not proceedings are taken against the first mentioned person.
3. Nothing in the Order operates so as to afford an employer a defence in any criminal proceedings for a contravention of those provisions by reason of any act or default of an employee or person nominated to implement measures for fire-fighting and procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas, and appointed to assist him/her in undertaking such preventative and protective measures as necessary.
4. Subject to Note 3, in any proceedings for an offence under the Order, except for a failure to comply with articles 8(a) (Duty to take general fire precautions) or 12 (Elimination or reduction of risks from dangerous substances), it is a defence for the person charged to prove that he/she took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence.
5. In any proceedings for an offence under the Order consisting of a failure to comply with a duty or requirement so far as is reasonably practicable, it is for the accused to provide that it was not reasonably practicable to do more than was in fact done to satisfy the duty or requirement.
6. A person on whom an Enforcement Notice is served may under Article 35 of the Order appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days from the date on which the Enforcement Notice was served. The bringing of an appeal has the effect of suspending the operation of the Notice until the appeal is finally disposed of or, if the appeal is withdrawn, until the withdrawal of the appeal.
7. The Fire Authority may grant, at their discretion, an extension (or further extension) of time specified for the steps to be taken if an appeal against the Notice is not pending. Application for an extension of time should be addressed to the above named Officer.
8. If you are the responsible person you are under an obligation to comply with the provisions of the Order or of any regulations made under it. If you have failed to comply and you and the Fire Authority cannot agree on the measures that are necessary to remedy the failure(s), the question may be referred to the Secretary of State for his determination under Article 36 of the Order.

9. To satisfy the 'Environment and Safety Information Act 1988' the Fire Authority is obliged to enter details of this Enforcement Notice into a register to which the public have access. If you feel that any such entry would disclose secret or confidential trade or manufacturing information, then you should appeal in writing to the Authority within a period of fourteen days following; a) the day on which the appeal period in Note 6 above expires, or b) the day on which the appeal is finally disposed of, where an appeal is brought. The following summary of the contents of the notice will be entered on the public register: -

Index (ESFRS/FS/NO./TYPE/YEAR):	ESFRS/WE/003/E/07
Date Served:	5 TH April 2007
Premises address or name of person served upon if address not available:	The Chequers Inn, The Square Forest Row RH18 5ES
Type of notice served:	Enforcement Notice
Legislation:	The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
Particulars:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failures under Article 9 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Failure to complete a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment for the premises. 2. Failures under Article 13(1)(a) and 13(2) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 The fire detection and fire warning system provided throughout the premises is inadequate. 3. Failures under Article 17(1) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Failure to adequately maintain the fire alarm system in efficient working order. 3.2 Failure to adequately maintain the emergency lighting system in efficient working order. 4. Failures under Article 21(1) and 21(2) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Failure to provide employees with adequate and appropriate fire safety training.
Date of any amendment of the notice:	

The actual notice will also appear on the register.

10. The works or actions specified in the Notice are only intended to ensure a satisfactory standard of fire precautions that will comply with the Order. The Notice is issued without prejudice to any other enforcement action that may be taken by this or any other enforcement authority.
11. The Fire Authority would be willing to consider and reasonably assist with any proposals you may have to remedy the matters specified in the Notice.

12. To assist with administration procedures, it would be helpful if you could quote the reference number (at the top of this Notice) when dealing with The Fire Authority.