



Fire Safety

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Overview of Fire Safety Training Courses and Requirements

Fire safety refers to the measures and practices put in place to prevent, detect, and respond to fires in order to protect people, property, and the environment. It encompasses a range of strategies, procedures, and equipment designed to minimise the risk of fires occurring and to mitigate their impact if they do occur.

Key components of fire safety include:

- Prevention
- Detection
- Evacuation
- Suppression
- Education and Training
- Building Design and Construction

Overall, fire safety is a collective effort that involves the cooperation of individuals, businesses, government agencies, and emergency responders to reduce the risk of fires and minimise their impact on lives and property.

Employer responsibilities

Fire training is a legal requirement in the United Kingdom. The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 is the primary legislation governing fire safety in England and Wales.

According to these regulations, employers (and those with control of premises) are legally obligated to ensure the safety of employees and others on the premises, including providing adequate fire safety training.

Why is fire safety important?

Fire safety training is a proactive and preventive measure that not only helps prevent fires but also ensures a swift and effective response in the event of a fire emergency, ultimately protecting lives and property.

It's important for employers to stay informed about the specific fire safety regulations applicable to their region within the UK and to work towards creating a safe environment by providing adequate training and implementing appropriate fire safety measures.

Types of training

Fire safety at work should be a priority to protect lives, property and your business. It is important that your employees know how to act if there is a fire. Fire Safety training will encourage staff to reduce the risk of fire and to be effectively prepared if a fire occurs.

Fire safety training is a program designed to educate individuals on the prevention of fires, the proper use of firefighting equipment, and evacuation procedures in the event of a fire. It aims to increase awareness of fire hazards and promote safe practices to reduce the risk of fires in the workplace or other settings.

We currently offer the following fire safety courses:

- Fire Marshal
- Fire Warden in Construction
- Fire Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher
- Driver CPC Vehicle Fire Safety

If you have any questions about the level of first aid training that's right for your team or would like to speak to one of the Ouch team please get in touch.



Ouch Learning and Development is a CITB Approved Training Organisation.

Funding available through the CITB network or CITB grants for construction companies*.

**eligibility criteria applies. Please ask us for more details*

Fire Marshal

Fires in the workplace can have an enormous impact on both businesses and individuals. A serious fire can often result in a company closing for good and the cost to individual workers can be far greater. Being aware of hazards and understanding some basic principles can reduce the risks of fire and make workplaces safer for everyone. It is the role of the Fire Marshal to manage a fire or other similar emergency efficiently and effectively. This course has been designed with the core aim of creating a confident person to take charge in an emergency.

Who needs this qualification?

The Fire Marshal course is designed to be relevant to most workplaces, as there are many shared fire hazards and risks e.g., electrical appliances and people. This course is suitable for any employees who will be taking on the role of fire marshal in their workplace.

Why is this training important?

Fire marshals are trained to identify potential fire hazards and risks. By understanding the causes of fires, and how to prevent them, fire marshals can reduce the likelihood of fire occurring in the first place. Fire marshals play a critical role in being prepared for an emergency including fire safety plans, use of fire safety equipment and evacuation procedures which are all in place to protect employees if a fire was to occur.

Course content

- Legislation
- Truth about fire
- Causes of fire and ignition sources
- Fire prevention measures
- Fire extinguisher use and maintenance
- Emergency procedures
- Arson awareness
- Inspection records
- Hot works (permits)
- Fire hazard identification and risk control
- Client-specific topics

Certified by: Ouch Learning and Development

Duration: 1 day

Assessment: No formal assessment

Prerequisites: None

Validity of award: 3 years

Learner-to-trainer ratio: Maximum 12 learners per trainer

Delivery formats available: Face-to-face / Live Online

**Open courses
available**

**In-house / onsite
training available**

Fire Marshal

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, learners will be able to:

- Understand fire safety procedures and policies
- Provide assistance to the Fire Safety Manager
- Understand the principles and practice of fire safety management at work
- Understand the role of the nominated Fire Marshal



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Practical training using fire extinguishers

Fire Warden in Construction

This course is specifically designed to cover the fire hazards and risks found in the construction industry. Experienced fire training professionals provide an exciting learning experience using the latest equipment and focusing on the teaching of realistic fire management techniques. The delegates will be taught the correct selection and use of fire extinguishers involving a practical demonstration where delegates use a variety of extinguishers.

Who needs this qualification?

The course is intended for those who are responsible for fire safety management and the safe evacuation of personnel on construction sites. On smaller sites this may be the site manager and their deputy but on larger sites this would be people with a supervisory role.

Why is this training important?

Fire warden training in the construction industry in the UK is essential for creating a safer work environment, preventing fires, and ensuring that construction sites are well-prepared to handle emergencies, ultimately contributing to the protection of both people and property.

Course content

- Legislation
- Truth about fire
- Causes of fire and ignition sources
- Fire prevention measures
- Fire extinguisher use and maintenance
- Arson awareness
- Inspection records
- Hot works (permits)
- Fire hazard identification and risk control
- Dangers of flammable liquid and LPG storage/transport/use
- Vehicle fires
- Temporary accommodation units
- Emergency procedures

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- Provide assistance to the Fire Safety Manager
- Understand the principles and practice of fire safety management at work
- Understand the role of the nominated Fire Warden



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Fire Awareness

This course is designed to provide an appropriate level of fire awareness for all members of staff. It is a legal requirement to ensure that employees are aware of the correct actions to take in emergency situations. Experienced and qualified trainers provide a greater understanding of the fire safety measures in the workplace, enabling staff to become the first line of defence in the prevention of fire. This course can incorporate practical fire extinguisher training if required.

Who needs this qualification?

Fire Awareness training is suitable for anyone at any level, from all industries, from employees to managers.

Why is this training important?

The law requires all employees to receive adequate fire safety training, and our course is designed to help your business fulfil this legal requirement. This training will provide learners with a greater awareness of the threat posed by fire to people, property, and business activities.

Course content

- Legislation
- Principles of fire safety
- Truth about fire
- Triangle of fire
- Evacuation procedures
- Fire extinguisher use
- Hazard awareness

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, learners will have:

- A greater awareness of the threat posed by fire
- Knowledge and confidence in the safe use of fire extinguishers
- The ability to prevent fire through effective hazard awareness
- An understanding of efficient evacuation procedures

Certificated by: Ouch Learning and Development

Duration: Half day

Assessment: No formal assessment

Prerequisites: None

Validity of award: 3 years

Learner-to-trainer ratio: Maximum 12 learners per trainer

Delivery formats available: Face-to-face / Live Online

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Fire Awareness



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Fire Extinguisher

Each year the correct use of fire extinguishers saves UK businesses millions, preserves lives and prevents injury. Small fires can spread rapidly and trained staff can help to prevent the escalation of minor fires. Our experienced trainers use the latest fire training equipment to demonstrate the safe use of fire extinguishers. Learners are given the opportunity to use the extinguishers.

Who needs this qualification?

This course is suitable for those employees who may need to use a fire extinguisher in an emergency. By law, the responsible person must carry out a fire risk assessment for the business premises. It is up to the responsible person to ensure fire extinguishers are easily accessible and that a sufficient number of people are trained to use them.

Why is this training important?

Fire Extinguisher training is important for several critical reasons, all of which contribute to fire safety, emergency preparedness, and the protection of lives and property. It equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond promptly and effectively to small fires. This can help prevent fires from spreading and becoming more dangerous, potentially saving lives and reducing property damage.

Course content

- Legislation
- Triangle of fire
- Classes of fire
- Selection of the correct fire extinguishers
- Practical use of fire extinguishers
- Fire extinguisher inspection procedures
- Client-specific areas (e.g. gases)

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Assessment: No formal assessment

Prerequisites: None

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Fire Extinguisher

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, learners will have:

- A greater awareness of the threat posed by fire
- Knowledge and confidence in the safe use of fire extinguishers
- The ability to prevent fire through effective hazard awareness



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Driver CPC Vehicle Fire Safety

This course is designed to provide an appropriate level of fire awareness for drivers. This course will enable candidates to become the first line of defence in the prevention and management of fire safety in company vehicles. This course has been approved by the DVSA and qualifies for 3.5 Driver CPC hours (this module must be completed in conjunction with another 3.5 hour Driver CPC module to obtain the minimum 7 hours required).

Each driver's details will be uploaded to the DVSA database within 5 working days of completing the course.

Who needs this qualification?

Any potential, new or existing bus, coach or lorry drivers requiring Driver CPC Vehicle Fire Safety training.

Why is this training important?

Qualified drivers must complete 35 hours of periodic training every 5 years to keep their Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) to drive a lorry, coach or bus. It is a legal requirement to ensure that employees are aware of the correct actions to take in emergency situations. This course ensures drivers have a better understanding of vehicle fire hazards.

Course content

- Vehicle fire statistics
- Legislation
- The chemistry of fire
- Vehicle fire hazards
- Types of fire extinguishers
- Proper use of fire extinguishers

Certificated by: Ouch Learning and Development - approved by DVSA

Duration: 3.5 hours (must be taken with a second module to gain the minimum 7 CPC hours)

Assessment: No formal assessment

Prerequisites: A CPC card or valid driver's licence for buses, coaches, or lorries

Validity of award: 3 years

Learner-to-trainer ratio: Maximum 12 learners per trainer

Delivery formats available: Face-to-face

In-house / onsite training available

Driver CPC Vehicle Fire Safety

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, learners will:

- Understand vehicle fire statistics
- Know the types and causes of vehicle fires
- Be informed of the legislation related to vehicle fire safety
- Understand the chemistry of fire, including:
 - Definitions
 - Classification
 - Terminology
- Know vehicle ignition sources
- Understand what can burn (fuel sources)
- Understand fire hazards
- Understand types of extinguishing media
- Understand the proper use of fire extinguishers



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