

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

# Fire Safety for Schools



This Fire Safety for Schools e-learning course has been designed for staff who work in a school setting. It will teach them about the fire safety measures and procedures that should be in place in their school and how they can help maintain them. In particular, it will enable staff to minimise fire risks and follow evacuation procedures, which may require them to support students and vulnerable people.

By taking this course, staff will help their school comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and the Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999.

#### **Module One: Introduction to Fire Safety for Schools**

This module provides an overview of why fire safety is absolutely crucial in schools. It includes some case studies of fires that have occurred in schools and explains what the law requires of school settings. It also discusses how fires start and the common risks in schools.

- Why fire safety is important
- Fire safety law
- The fire triangle

#### **Module Two: Fire Safety Responsibilities**

This module looks at the legal duties of everyone in a school, including the responsible person, fire wardens, and staff. It explains the purpose of a fire risk assessment and how staff may be involved in this process. It also covers who enforces fire safety law.

- The responsible person
- Fire wardens
- Fire risk assessments
- Staff duties
- Who enforces fire safety?

#### **Module Three: Fire Safety Measures**

This module details the various fire safety measures that staff should follow to prevent fires from occurring in their school. It also looks at the requirements regarding fire alarms, detectors, and fire extinguishers.

- Housekeeping
- Preventing arson
- Storage
- Smoking
- Detection and warning systems
- Fire extinguishers

#### **Module Four: Evacuation Procedures**

This module looks at the requirements regarding evacuation routes and explains how to follow your school's evacuation procedures. It also covers what you should do to help students evacuate if you run a class.

- Evacuation strategies
- Escape routes and exits
- Signage
- Emergency lighting
- What to do during an evacuation

#### **Module Five: Fire Plans and Drills**

This module explains the purpose of personal emergency evacuation plans, which are important for people who may not be able to evacuate safely on their own. It also discusses the requirements regarding fire drills and how to get the most out of them in your school.

- Personal emergency evacuation plans
- Fire Drills

## Aims of the training

By the end of this course, you will:

- The consequences of fires occurring in schools.
- How fires can start.
- Fire safety law and what it requires of everyone.
- How to minimise fire risks through good housekeeping, safe storage, and other preventative measures.
- How their school can prevent arson.
- The legal requirements surrounding alarm and detection systems, fire extinguishers, and escape routes.
- What to do during a fire emergency.
- The importance of personal emergency evacuation plans and fire drills, as well as how they may be involved in these.