

Since April 2004, The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) has been the single, independent inspectorate for all social care services in England. National minimum standards have been set for health, safety and environmental issues.

The CSCI standards require all operators of Residential Care Homes to ensure that their staff are fully trained in what to do in the event of a fire occurring on their premises.

The actions of staff are crucial to the safety of residents in care homes. It is essential that staff know what they have to do to safeguard themselves and others on the premises and to have an awareness of the importance of their actions. Staff training and awareness of fire safety is of paramount importance in care homes.

All staff (including volunteers, temporary and agency staff) should be given information, training and instruction on the fire safety measures to be taken or observed on the premises, including the action to be taken in case of fire.

Fraser & Associates have worked with Care Home Operators to devise a detailed course specifically aimed at Care Home Staff. We will tailor the course to your own premises and will cover;

- The procedures for alerting visitors including, where appropriate, directing them to exits;
- The arrangements for calling the Fire and Rescue Service;
- The measures in place to ensure a safe escape from the building and how they will operate;
- The personal evacuation needs unique to each resident;
- The evacuation procedures for everyone in the building to reach an assembly point at a safe place;
- The principle of progressive evacuation (where appropriate);
- The fire prevention and fire safety measures and procedures in the premises and where they impact on staff and others in the building;
- The location and, where appropriate, the use of fire-fighting equipment;
- The location of the escape routes, especially those not in regular use;
- How to open all doors on escape routes, including the use of any emergency fastenings (and locks where appropriate);
- The importance of keeping fire doors closed to prevent the spread of fire, heat and smoke;
- The importance of good housekeeping;
- The risks from flammable materials used or stored on the premises; and
- The precautions to be taken to minimise and control the risks, with particular attention to their role in reducing and controlling fuel and ignition sources.

As well as the theory we will also include the practical use of fire extinguishers to provide your staff with the necessary experience to enable them to deal with a small fire in its incipient stages.

Why not call us to discuss your Fire Safety training needs.