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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY IN FIRE SAFETY AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING

So you are a Fire Warden. What do you need now?



It is perhaps of value to consider a scenario typical to many organisations. In seeking to fulfil their fire safety duties the responsible person has appointed one or more staff members as Fire Wardens. In this example the duties of the Fire Warden are suggested to be assisting in a safe and controlled evacuation of the building, monitoring the organisational environment to prevent fire and tackling any fire deemed to be small enough to be controlled with an appropriate extinguisher. This would seem fair and does indeed assist the responsible person in terms of established fire safety Arrangements..

To fulfil this Fire Warden role those persons appointed must receive 'suitable & sufficient' training to be deemed competent. Specifically, those persons would require training which provides a basic understanding of fire, its causes, how it can be prevented and good housekeeping principles. They would also need training that provides an understanding of evacuation procedures and how they can fulfil their allotted tasks efficiently.

In this particular scenario the Fire Wardens would also require training on fire extinguishers and their correct use according to the class of fire.

It would also be necessary to train those persons in a live fire fighting environment as the recognition and tackling of fire has been expressed as a specific duty. These fire fighting courses typically use a small controlled fire which can be put out with an appropriate extinguisher.

INDUSTRY WATCH

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) and the Disability Discrimination Act have now been aligned

The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010 (the Premises Standards) was launched by the Federal Government in March 2010. The aim is to improve access to commercial buildings for Australians with a disability.

From 1st May 2011, most new buildings, or buildings that are being refurbished, will have new obligations that will need to be complied with.



Chief Fire Warden Training – Does YOUR organisation need a Chief Fire Warden?

emergency services. For this reason Australian Standard 3745:2002 requires that an Emergency Control Organisation be appointed at each workplace.

An emergency control organisation (ECO) is a system of trained Fire Wardens, Chief Fire Wardens and Emergency Responders that can initiate a response to any on-site Fire or Emergency and get the occupants to safety.

Chief Wardens form a major part of the Emergency Control Organisation. Every team needs a leader and a team of Fire Wardens is no different. Chief Fire Wardens need to be trained in Chief Fire Warden Training over a

training timeframe of at least 1 full day.

The Chief Warden is in charge of the workplace Emergency Control Organisation and ultimately is responsible for the health and safety of all personnel in the organisation prior to the arrival of the emergency services.

Our chief fire warden training courses involve the unit of competency PUAWER006A Lead an Emergency Control Organisation. Our Chief Fire Warden training courses are taught by highly experienced emergency services personnel with real world experience in planning for and responding to emergencies.

Contact us to see if your ECO meets the required standard.

All workplaces must provide for the health and safety of all personnel at all times including during emergencies that may occur. For this reason a Chief Fire Warden should be appointed at each workplace. To perform their role effectively, the Chief Fire Warden should undertake Chief Fire Warden Training.

It doesn't matter what size of workplace you work in, a Chief Fire Warden must take charge of the emergency prior to the arrival of the

INDUSTRY UPDATES:



Have you had your emergency procedures reviewed in the last 2 years?

You should also review your procedures after every emergency exercise and drill.

Contact us if you would like your procedures reviewed.



Contact the Fire & emergency Response Training team if you have any questions regarding any of the articles in this newsletter or would like a question answered by our team in this newsletter.

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COURSES AVAILABLE

- WARDEN TRAINING
- CHIEF WARDENS TRAINING
- EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT
- DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (AS3745 AND AS4083)
- EVACUATION DIAGRAMS
- WARDENS EQUIPMENT (Tabards, hats, etc)
- EVACUATION EXERCISES
- EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- BOMB THREAT TRAINING
- GUEST SPEAKER
- BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS
- EVACUATION PACKS
- BUSINESS CONTINUITY PACKS
- SCHOOL PACKS
- CONSULTANCY SERVICE
- FACILITY SPECIFIC COURSES