Fire Safety in Healthcare Premises

Patients and visitors to healthcare premises will not be familiar with buildings or the fire safety measures and procedures that are in place. Healthcare staff have a key role to ensure the safety of everyone who could be present. Healthcare premises are required to have high standards of fire safety built into the fabric of the building together with robust fire safety procedures. In order that the safety from fire of all building occupants can be ensured, healthcare staff must have sufficient fire safety knowledge and skills to prevent fire and act effectively should one occur.

Description

The course is delivered in the workplace and follows the nationally accredited syllabus of the Fire Protection Association. The course satisfies the requirements of Article 21 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 with regard to fire safety training for all employees.

All students will gain a targeted level of fire safety knowledge including recognising fire hazards, fire safety responsibilities and following safe evacuation procedures. The course uses a mixture of discussion, presentation and video of real fire incidents to demonstrate the importance of fire safety in residential care homes and the consequences when fires occur. The practical use of fire extinguishers can be included if required.

Duration

The course lasts for four hours and is mainly classroom based, consisting of practical and theory activities.

Syllabus

A range of topics is covered, including:

- Fires in healthcare premises
- Causes of fire, fire deaths & fire statistics
- The chemistry of fire
- Classes of fire and how to extinguish them
- Fire protection measures
- Overview of legislation
- Hazard recognition
- Understanding fire safety controls
- Fire risk assessment
- Record keeping
- Evacuation strategy and techniques
- Fire fighting equipment
- Responsibilities of healthcare staff
- Fire safety checks and reports

Validity

The qualification is valid for three years from the date of the course.

Certification

There is a short multiple-choice and open answer question paper at the end of the training course, along with ongoing assessment by the instructor. The course is accredited and certificated by the Fire Protection Association.

Numbers

A maximum of ten students can be accommodated on this course.

Age Limit

There are no age limits with the course, however the student will be employed by the organisation requesting the course. It is the employer's responsibility to ensure that the student is suitable to attend the course.