



Fire associations seek safeguards

The Fire Industry Association (FIA) has practical advice to risk management contractors as to their maintaining compliance with RRFSO directives. It commented: "A fire industry professional will know when service and maintenance work should be performed over a set period of time to comply with fire safety regulations, yet problems can emerge when contractors are not permitted access on-site due to coronavirus safeguards.

"Our advice is to explain clearly to the client that this is their decision not to allow you to complete the scheduled work, and it is the role of the premises' management (Responsible Person or Duty Holder dependant on location) to ensure they fulfil their fire safety obligations. If access permission is still not granted, you should document timings and communications to use later as evidence (should it be needed) that you have acted responsibly for your clients."

Clearly the documenting of reasons for involuntary non-compliance to Fire Regs is an essential safeguard against the litigious and reputational damage. Similarly, in these exceptional times, scrupulous regard should be paid to the paper trail of traceability for RRFSO compliance when reliant on remote monitoring.

In addition, those working in the fire sector have been identified as key workers, as [reported by the FIA](#), which extends to all individuals actively working to improve public fire safety.

https://www.ifsecglobal.com/fire-news/what-does-coronavirus-mean-for-the-fire-safety-sector/?elq_mid=3434&elq_cid=180835

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