

*These notes refer to the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004  
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 22 July 2004*

# **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 2: Functions of Fire and Rescue Authorities**

##### **Other functions**

##### *Section 10: Directions relating to particular fires and emergencies*

28. This section enables the Secretary of State to direct a fire and rescue authority to respond to a particular fire or emergency incident in the event of an extreme or unusual event such as a terrorist attack or natural disaster, where there is no time to revise or make an order under section 9, or where a level of central co-ordination is required. Such a direction can require a fire and rescue authority to act outside as well as inside its own area . The Secretary of State can also direct an authority not to take any action in the event of such an emergency if, for example, another fire and rescue authority is better equipped to do so.