



Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 21

PART 2

FUNCTIONS OF FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES

Core functions

6 Fire safety

- (1) A fire and rescue authority must make provision for the purpose of promoting fire safety in its area.
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a fire and rescue authority must in particular, to the extent that it considers it reasonable to do so, make arrangements for—
 - (a) the provision of information, publicity and encouragement in respect of the steps to be taken to prevent fires and death or injury by fire;
 - (b) the giving of advice, on request, about—
 - (i) how to prevent fires and restrict their spread in buildings and other property;
 - (ii) the means of escape from buildings and other property in case of fire.

Commencement Information

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| I1 | S. 6 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by S.I. 2004/2304 , art. 2 (with art. 3) |
| I2 | S. 6 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/2917 , art. 2 |

7 Fire-fighting

- (1) A fire and rescue authority must make provision for the purpose of—
 - (a) extinguishing fires in its area, and
 - (b) protecting life and property in the event of fires in its area.

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- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a fire and rescue authority must in particular—
- (a) secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary efficiently to meet all normal requirements;
 - (b) secure the provision of training for personnel;
 - (c) make arrangements for dealing with calls for help and for summoning personnel;
 - (d) make arrangements for obtaining information needed for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1);
 - (e) make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from action taken for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1).

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 7 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I4** S. 7 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

8 Road traffic accidents

- (1) A fire and rescue authority must make provision for the purpose of—
- (a) rescuing people in the event of road traffic accidents in its area;
 - (b) protecting people from serious harm, to the extent that it considers it reasonable to do so, in the event of road traffic accidents in its area.
- (2) In making provision under subsection (1) a fire and rescue authority must in particular—
- (a) secure the provision of the personnel, services and equipment necessary efficiently to meet all normal requirements;
 - (b) secure the provision of training for personnel;
 - (c) make arrangements for dealing with calls for help and for summoning personnel;
 - (d) make arrangements for obtaining information needed for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1);
 - (e) make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from action taken for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1).

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 8 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I6** S. 8 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

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9 Emergencies

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order confer on a fire and rescue authority functions relating to emergencies, other than fires and road traffic accidents in relation to which the authority has functions under section 7 or 8.
- (2) An order under this section may require functions conferred on a fire and rescue authority under this section to be discharged outside the authority's area.
- (3) An order under this section may make provision as to what a fire and rescue authority must or may do for the purpose of a function conferred under this section, and may in particular require or authorise a fire and rescue authority—
 - (a) to secure the provision of personnel, services and equipment;
 - (b) to secure the provision of training for personnel;
 - (c) to make arrangements for dealing with calls for help and for summoning personnel;
 - (d) to make arrangements for obtaining information needed for the purpose of discharging the function;
 - (e) to make arrangements for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken to prevent or limit damage to property resulting from discharging the function.
- (4) An order under this section may confer a function, including a function of providing particular equipment, on a particular authority.
- (5) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State must consult any persons he considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

- I7** S. 9 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I8** S. 9 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

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