

Fire Safety Risk Assessment of the Year

This category recognises excellence in the preparation, implementation, and practical impact of fire safety risk assessments across Irish workplaces and premises. It rewards assessments that go beyond compliance paperwork and demonstrate a clear, actionable understanding of fire risk, leading to measurable improvements in safety.

Submissions may relate to a single fire risk assessment or a programme of assessments carried out within the past 2–3 years.

****Below are some tips to include in your application, not a strict list of points that have to be answered***

Scope of the Risk Assessment

- *Description of the premises or organisation assessed:*
 - *Type of building(s) (e.g. healthcare, education, commercial, industrial, residential, public sector)*
 - *Size, occupancy, and complexity*

Methodology & Approach

- *Framework used for conducting the fire risk assessment*
- *Alignment with Irish legal requirements (e.g. Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and Fire Services Act obligations)*
- *Use of recognised guidance or standards (where applicable)*
- *Approach to hazard identification, risk evaluation, and control measures*
- *Involvement of competent persons and relevant expertise*

Identification of Fire Hazards & Risk Evaluation

- *Key fire hazards identified within the premises*
- *Assessment of ignition sources, fuel loads, and occupant vulnerability*
- *Consideration of building layout, use, and operational activities*
- *Evaluation of risk to life safety, property, and business continuity*
- *Clarity and robustness of risk ranking methodology*

Control Measures & Recommendations

- *Practicality and relevance of control measures proposed*
- *Prioritisation of actions based on risk*
- *Evidence that recommendations were realistic and implementable*

Implementation & Action Tracking

- *Extent to which recommendations were implemented*
- *Systems in place to track corrective actions*
- *Any barriers encountered and how they were overcome*

Review, Monitoring & Continuous Improvement

- *Frequency and process for reviewing the risk assessment*
- *How changes in occupancy, layout, or operations are managed*
- *Integration into wider safety management systems*
- *Evidence of ongoing improvement and updates*