



Fire Safety Evacuation Strategy of the Year

This category recognises excellence in the development, design, and implementation of evacuation strategies that improve life safety in buildings across Ireland. Entries should show how evacuation planning has been adapted to the specific risks, occupancy profile, and complexity of the premises, with clear evidence of practicality, effectiveness, and real-world performance.

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

Project Overview & Challenges

- Building type, size, occupancy, and location
- Complexity of use and user profile
- Key evacuation challenges specific to the site

Evacuation Strategy & Design Approach

- *Evacuation philosophy (e.g. simultaneous, phased, progressive horizontal, stay-put)*
- *Rationale for chosen approach*
- *Integration with overall fire safety strategy*
- *Consideration of building layout and risk profile*

Occupants, Human Factors & Accessibility

- *Occupant profile (mobility, age, familiarity with building, vulnerability)*
- *Behavioural considerations in evacuation design*
- *Provisions for assisted or vulnerable evacuation*
- *Clarity of communication and instructions for users*

Means of Escape & Operational Procedures

- *Escape route design (stairs, exits, travel distances, capacity)*
- *Signage, lighting, and wayfinding systems*
- *Integration of passive and active fire safety systems*
- *Emergency procedures, roles, and escalation process*
- *Coordination with external emergency services*

Training, Performance & Impact

- *Fire drills and training programmes*
- *Scenario testing or simulation (if applicable)*
- *Evidence of performance (e.g. timings, audits, drill outcomes)*
- *Improvements in evacuation efficiency or safety outcomes*
- *Lessons learned and implemented improvements*

Supporting Evidence

- *Evacuation strategy documents and plans*
- *Floor plans and escape route drawings*
- *Drill reports and timing data*
- *Training records*
- *Simulation/modelling outputs (if applicable)*
- *Testimonials from stakeholders*