

FIRE SAFETY REFORMS

IMPORTANT ADVICE - NEW LEGISLATION - July 1st 2020.

ANNUAL Fire Safety Statements and Accredited Person Fire Safety



Fire Safety Statement
Part 9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

Please note:
Information to assist building owners to complete each section of the statement is provided on pages 3, 4 and 5.

Section 1: Type of statement
This is (mark applicable box): an annual fire safety statement (complete the declaration at Section 8 of this form)
 a supplementary fire safety statement (complete the declaration at Section 9 of this form)

Section 2: Description of the building or part of the building
This statement applies to: the whole building part of the building
Address: _____
Lot No. (if known) / DPI/SP (if known) / Building name (if applicable): _____
Provide a brief description of the building or part (building use, number of storeys, construction type etc): _____

Section 3: Name and address of the owner(s) of the building or part of the building
Name: _____
Address: _____

Section 4: Fire safety measures

Fire safety measure	Minimum standard of performance	Date(s) assessed	CFSP*

* See notes on page 4 about how to correctly identify a Competent Fire Safety Practitioner (CFSP).

Section 5: Inspection of fire exits and paths of travel to fire exits (Part 9 Division 7)

Part of the building inspected	Date(s) inspected	CFSP*

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- 1 Service on Essential Fire Safety Equipment Undertaken**
- 2 Defects Reported and Quoted by maintenance contractor**
- 3 Client Approves Repair of Defects**
- 4 Defects Repaired / Solved by maintenance contractor**
- 5 Redmen Accredited Person Fire Safety - Audit Site**
- 6 Completion and Submission of Annual Fire Safety Statement**

To Our Valued Client,

The 1st July 2020 has seen the commencement of the **Essential Fire Safety Measures**. NSW Government Legislation now requires that **ONLY Accredited Person Fire Safety** endorse Council required Annual Fire Safety Statements. These are then submitted to your Local Council and the NSW Fire and Rescue. The Fire Protection Association Australia is the Accrediting Body and Redmen have been working for many months to prepare for these changes. Redmen **will have several staff members Fully Accredited**. Due to Legislative changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 - Fire Protection Provisions, Redmen will be forced to adopt a **New Policy and Process** to facilitate and endorse Annual Fire Safety Statements.

Redmen has established a separate Compliance team to ensure Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) are submitted on time (where all Essential Fire Safety Measure [EFSS - Fire equipment] are Compliant) and to answer any questions.

Please find attached NSW Government Media release detailing the changes and answering some Legislation questions.

The changes are substantial and policy and procedure have had to change to accommodate.

Q1: How will this affect our Current Maintenance Contract?

A1: From 1st July 2020 - The site audit and supportive work required to be carried out to be able to endorse an AFSS is Now separate to the Provision within your Maintenance Contract and will be quoted and shown separately on your quotation/invoice.

Q2: Will I be Invoiced separately?

A2: Yes – the Service provided by our Compliance Team will be quoted and Invoiced separately. As part of the overall maintenance package.

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Q3: Can Redmen Sign Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS)?

A3: NO, the Legislation does **NOT** allow your fire company to sign Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) this **MUST** be done by the Building Owner or Agent. A Redmen Accredited Person Fire Safety will attend site, review the site's Fire Safety and IF everything is compliant, **ENDORSE** only the Essential Fire Safety Measures on the AFSS.

Q4: Has the cost for an AFSS now increased?

A4: Yes due to Increased Insurance, Compliance, ongoing Training Costs our rate for Site Audit works has increased.

Q5: What will be the main effect to clients?

A5: To ensure the AFSS is endorsed and submitted on time and within the max 3 Month legislated window, it is imperative that any repair works are approved and undertaken quickly.

Q6: What will happen with my existing Maintenance Contract?

A6: Everything as Normal – Your service work will be carried out as Normal by our trained and dedicated team. However, the works to endorse and submit the AFSS will be a separate service managed by our Compliance Team.

Q7: Can Redmen Endorse ALL our Essential Fire Safety Measures on the AFSS?

A7: YES – we have Invested heavily to ensure we have several staff, Accredited as Accredited Person Fire Safety, and can endorse any Essential Fire Safety Measure.

Q8: How does this effect your Professional Indemnity Coverage?

A8: Our insurance company has made it very clear, Redmen's Obligation is to mitigate risk, we have developed a new Audit process, to assist this.

Q9: In the New Process how will the process change?

A9: As per the quick flow chart above, it is imperative than **ANY** Defects are reported, quoted, **Approved** and undertaken quickly to ensure the APFS FSA can then attend site and undertake a final audit.

Q10: Does this mean the APFS FSA will need to attend site more than once?

A10: Depending on the type of Defect repairs, the APFS FSA may need to reattend your site.

Q11: Will there be an additional cost for multiple site visits?

A11: Yes – If required to reattend your site, there will be an additional cost.

Q12: How can I reduce my costs?

A12: We find that transferring your Current Contract to a Redmen **ALL INCLUSIVE - COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT** has many benefits.

- a) Defects are repaired automatically. APFS FSA Audits are included in the Cost
- b) The Process is much faster than standard maintenance Contracts
- c) Less Administration.

To ensure AFSS is submitted on time Redmen must receive very prompt customer approval to repair / resolve any defects found, this will be critical to ensure the AFSS deadline date can be met, as potential council fines are substantial.

We have commenced a **AFSS Hotline**:

02 8078 0308

to answer your questions or please call me direct.

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