

Comments from our partners

“ The Primary Authority Agreement provides us with informed, practical and expert advice – this is a valuable professional partnership that enables us to further strengthen our fire safety arrangements, verify that they are effective and meet our legal and wider obligations. ”

“ Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue has given us clear guidance on fire related matters and assisted my organisation to move forward positively with all other fire authorities throughout England and Wales. ”

“ They are always available for support and advice. We now have full confidence that all our Fire Safety Protocols and Procedures not only meet, but exceed the legislative standards ”

You can find detailed information on how your business can gain support through Primary Authority at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/local-regulation-primary-authority

Primary Authority Register:

primary-authority.beis.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Business Safety:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/businesssafety

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Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue

aims to **increase fire safety standards** using a **consistent and pragmatic approach** tailored to your organisation. We will spend time to **understand your organisational priorities** and help you develop compliance that **encourages growth**.

What is Primary Authority?

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue (LFR) Primary Authority is a legal partnership between an organisation and LFR. Through this agreement, and authorised by the Secretary of State, any advice on fire safety matters must be listened to by other local authorities in their areas.

This ensures that organisations can invest in fire safety compliance with confidence that its implementation across the whole business is consistent.

Building on the success of the scheme which began in 2009, the eligibility criteria for Primary Authority have been expanded and from 1 October 2017 all businesses can now benefit from Primary Authority, irrelevant of their size or geographical spread.

LFR Primary Authority can benefit your organisation with:

- Regulatory advice on compliance that is consistent across your organisation
- Reviewing policies and procedures to assure compliance
- Gaining earned recognition for good compliance with national & local authorities, meaning less disruption from their inspections

- Discussing local non-compliance issues with local authorities on your behalf
- Reducing the impact of regulation by understanding the needs of your organisation
- Keeping your organisation up to date on the latest changes in fire safety.

Our trained, knowledgeable and experienced Fire Safety Officers are on hand to give advice on ways of preventing and protecting those escaping from a fire. **Our team can provide help on:**

- Fire detection and warning system suitability
- Fire suppression systems
- Fire door maintenance
- Fire risk assessment reviews
- Choosing a fire risk assessor
- Policy and procedures documentation
- Emergency evacuation planning
- Site visits to assess a particular premises
- Designing fire escape routes for building works
- Staff training
- Assistance with Enforcement issues
- And any other fire safety advice where you need it...

Our partnership scheme

We require a yearly membership fee* which entitles you to 1 full day's consultation (including travel time) with a Fire Safety Officer, to use where your organisation requires it. Any further work outside of this full day's consultation is charged at our hourly rate*.

* all up to date charges are available on our website and are calculated on a cost recovery basis.