

Addressed to:

**The Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Chief Executive of the County Council
The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The London Commissioner
The Chief Fire Officer**

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The consultation which began on 26 November 2010 which seeks views on proposals relating to the following data returns from Fire and Rescue Services: non-financial annual returns and Fires of Special Interest forms.

Title: [Health and Safety Guidance 168 Fire Safety in Construction](#)

The Health and Safety Executive guidance on fire safety in construction sites has been reissued.

Consultation on reducing the data burden of Fire and Rescue Returns

1. Background

1.1 This item signposts a consultation on:

- Proposals to collect a much reduced set of non-financial annual data returns from the Fire and Rescue Service
- The proposal to cease the system of Fires of Special Interest reporting forms, with the exception of Fires of Special Interest A6, the reporting of fires in Crown premises.

2. Consultation

2.1 The consultation and how to contribute can be found on the Department for Communities and Local Government website: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/publications/consultations/>

2.2 For further information please contact:

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2.3 Closing date for the consultation is Wednesday 14 January 2011.

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Health and Safety Guidance 168 Fire Safety in Construction

1. Background

1.1 The Health and Safety Executive guidance on fire safety in construction sites has been reissued. The guidance contains practical advice on fire safety measures for construction sites as well as information on the regulatory regime.

2. The Guidance

2.1 The Guidance 168 is for clients, designers and those managing and carrying out construction work involving significant fire risks.

2.2 The second edition of the *Fire Safety in Construction* explains how everyone involved in construction projects can comply with their legal duties relating to fire risks. It is aimed at all those with a role for developing and managing construction sites, including clients and designers, and is relevant to all construction projects, including small refurbishment sites. The section covering multi-story buildings and high risk buildings such as timber frame have been strengthened to include lessons learned from recent fires.

2.3 It will also support those with enforcement responsibilities under the *Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007* and the *Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005* which assist site managers in the day-to-day management of fire risks on site.

2.4 Further information and to read the document please go to:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg168.htm>

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