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Dear Chief Officer

DEAR CHIEF OFFICER (SCOTLAND) LETTER 14/2010:

Fire Safety in Construction Work

Dear Chief Officer (Scotland) Letter 9/2009 'Timber Framed Buildings' contained reference to guidance on construction sites issued by the HSE, 'HSG 168 Fire Safety in Construction Work'.

HSG 168 has now been revised; a copy of the revision is available for free download at www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/hsg168.htm

The revised guidance should be brought to the attention of Fire and Rescue Service personnel involved in fire safety enforcement activity at construction sites under Part 3 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Construction, Design and Management Regulations 2007.

Some of the guidance will also be of interest to fire and rescue services (FRS) in respect of pre-planning for attendance at construction site incidents, such as the advice for contractors involved in the construction of timber frame buildings and liaison arrangements between construction managers and the FRS.

The opportunity of liaison with construction managers should also offer firefighters the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the particular risks associated with individual construction sites. For example, the controls that may be in place and which could affect firefighting or emergency operations, such as changes to site access or water supplies.

Yours faithfully



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