



# Technical Fire Safety

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There are currently three principal guides that can be applied to premises providing social care, in relation to fire safety and compliance with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

It is the policy of Wiltshire FRS to apply the following guides to the associated following premises.

### Fire safety Risk Assessment: Residential Care Premises

Premises licensed by the Care Standards Commission to provide residential care to the following:

- The Elderly or Infirm
- Children and Young Persons
- People with special needs such as those with learning difficulties or with mental or physical disabilities
- People with addictions.

Fire Precautions in housing providing NHS supported living in the community (HTM 88).

Premises owned or rented by NHS Trusts, Primary care trusts or Health Authorities providing supported living (either staffed or unstaffed) for people who have learning difficulties, mental illness or physical handicap.

It is designed to supplement the requirements of Approved Document B.

Note. It does not apply to premises of more than two storeys above ground or access level and for no more than six residents.

Fire Safety in Adult Placements: A Code of Practice

This guide applies to premises where up to three residents are placed in accommodation in the providers own home.

Note. It only applies to premises of up to three storeys. The guidance generally accepts that the standards for domestic Dwellings in Approved Document B will be satisfactory.

The above documents are to be considered as guidance. There may be such occasions where the risk presented by the residents or the circumstances of the premises are such that a higher level of fire precautions may be required by Wiltshire FRS.