



Technical Fire Safety

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Clarification Guidance for Community Safety Inspectors (Added 16/10/2009)

The determination of the Secretary of State in respect of the use of heat detection in hotel bedrooms is detailed below and is applicable to the facts of this case only.

There is no indication that this is an acceptable standard of detection in anything other than the circumstances described within the determination therefore all hotel bedrooms must continue to be risk assessed on an individual basis.

Wiltshire FRS will continue to require smoke detection in hotel rooms other than those purpose built to current standards. Smoke detection will also be required in any room that could be used by any vulnerable or high-risk occupancy types. (See 2.2 below).

Contact the TFS Procedures Manager if further clarification is required.

Extract from CLG Circular 48/2009

This circular covers the outcome of a referral to the Secretary of State of a question for determination under article 36 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This Fire and Rescue Service circular sets out the outcome of a determination request that the Secretary of State has received under article 36 of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 ('the FSO'). It concerns the adequacy of fire detection in the bedrooms of a hotel.

1.2 Where the 'responsible person' and the enforcing authority agree that there has been a failure to comply with the FSO in a premises, but do not agree on the technical solution to remedy that failure, they may agree, if appropriate, to refer the issue to the Secretary of State for determination under article 36 of the FSO.

2.0 Outcome

2.1 The Secretary of State has considered the facts of this request and determined that, in this case, the use of heat detectors provides a suitable technical solution to demonstrate compliance with the FSO.

2.2 This conclusion has been reached on the basis that the rooms will continue to be used for sleeping accommodation by people who do not have mobility or other relevant special needs.

2.3 This determination is based entirely on the circumstances of the specific premises and the decisions have been taken after careful consideration of the particular circumstances relating to this case.

2.4 The analysis underpinning this Determination by the Secretary of State can be found at <http://intranet2\Central\Intranet\Fire Safety\Technical Fire Safety Bulletins\Adequacy of FP In Hotel B.Rooms.pdf>